

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023
10:30 a.m.



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PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P If in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

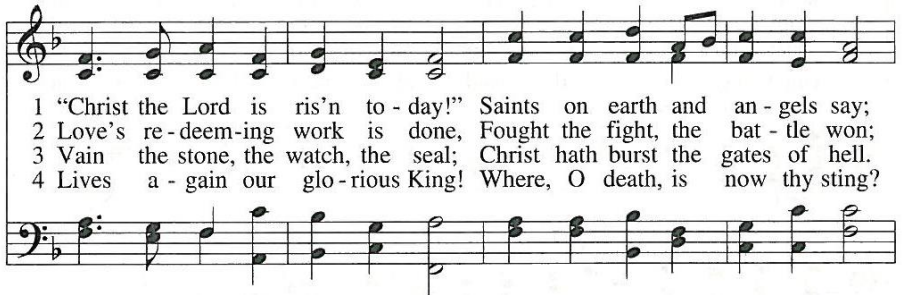
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SHARING OF THE PEACE *Greet others, saying “Peace be with you/And also with you”, along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.*

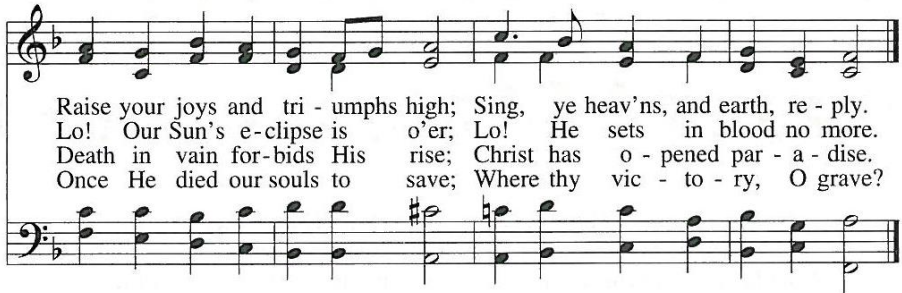
SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

“Christ The Lord is Risen Today”



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
 2 Love’s re - deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! Our Sun’s e-clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
 Foll’wing our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
 Tune: French, 13th cent.; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

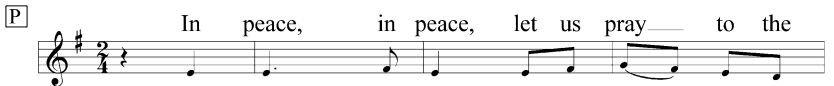
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Luke 24:4-7, 1 Cor. 15:55-57; 1 Peter 1:18-21; Rev. 5:9-13

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **[C]** **And also with you.**

[P] In peace, in peace, let us pray — to the



Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through-



Lord, have mer - cy.

out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For your peo - ple here, who have come to

Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy.

fend us, O God.

A -

(accompaniment/intro)

men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Almighty God, grant that we who have been redeemed from the old life of sin through Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed in Your Holy Spirit and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 19:4-10

R And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who is seated on the throne, saying, ‘Amen. Hallelujah!’

And from the throne came a voice saying,
‘Praise our God,
 all you his servants,
and all who fear him,
 small and great.’

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, ‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
 the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
 and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
 and his bride has made herself ready;
to her it has been granted to be clothed
 with fine linen, bright and pure’ —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

C | - - - - Introduction - - - - - |

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! *(Repeat, starting after intro.)*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

MESSAGE "A Party Invitation"

Stand

HYMN

"How Clear is our Vocation, Lord"

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

With a variety of images, the hymn writer reminds Christians of their calling in life as it is lived under the cross. The word "skein" (pronounced SKANE) in stanza 2 reminds us that we depend on God to untangle our sin-filled lives.

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Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918, alt.

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REPTON
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Luke 5:1–11; Matt. 11:28–30; Heb. 12:1–4

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYERS

[P] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

[P] Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Give Now

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Stand

[P] Let us pray. Merciful Father,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.



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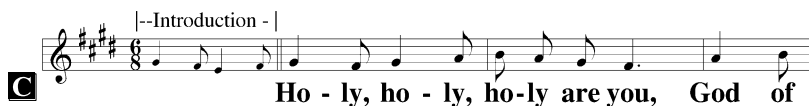
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



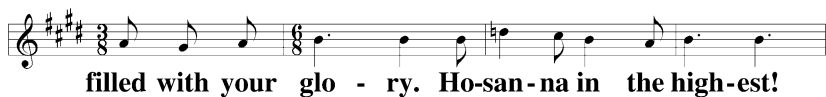
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of



pow - er and might;

Heav-en and earth are



filled with your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho-



san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high-est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD’S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

C 1) Lamb of God, you take a -
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

(hold) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)
(quick) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive pre-packaged communion elements, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged Gluten free options are available.

HYMN "Come Let Us Eat"



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



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Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930, st. 4, alt.;

tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.

Tune: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925

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Matt. 26:26-29; Matt. 18:20; Is. 52:7; 1 Cor. 15:20-26

HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.

What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
 My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
 Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

Text: *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, alt.
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FOUNDATION
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Is. 28:16; 41:10; 43:1-7; 2 Cor. 12:9

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

C



1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to
2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to
you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and
you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have
low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (sing vs. 2)
taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (cont.-->)
Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.
Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for -
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to
you for - ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

P Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C** Amen.
- P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Christ be My Leader"

1 Christ be my Lead-er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach-er in age as in youth, Drift-ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in strife; Death can-not

dark-ness, for He is the way. Glad-ly I fol-low, my
 doubt-ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt-ing nor

fu-ture His care, Dark-ness is day-light when Je-sus is there.
 shift-ing as sand, Doubt can-not daunt me; in Je-sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal-va-tion: with Je-sus I reign.

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 Tune: Irish; setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006

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John 8:12; John 1:4, 14, 17; 14:6

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
