



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 10 MAY, 2020

GATHERING

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation. *'You Have Come to the Lakeshore'*

My brothers and sisters, join our voices with the church throughout the world, of every people and language, and proclaim the good news: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In the waters of holy baptism God liberates us from the power of sin and death, forever joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory so that we might have forgiveness of all our sins, and have faith and hope in Him. The ransom that was paid to free us from sin was not paid in silver or gold, but by the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without spot or stain. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory!
Blessed be God, forever! Amen!

GREETING

The grace of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

We sing or speak 'This is the Feast' as we are able.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let us pray *Silence for reflection-* Let us pray: *Silence for reflection-* Eternal God, Jesus gathered his followers by the lakeshore. inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



The Readings

The first reading is from the 2 chapter of 1 Peter:

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

1 Peter 2:2-10

The Gospel, John 11:20-27, is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice, and be glad in it.

Alleluia! We will rejoice, and open our hearts to his saving Word.

The Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter. **Glory to you O Lord**

²⁰Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you O Christ!**

We say or sing the hymn "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" as we are able.

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head! | 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need. |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love. | 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! |
| 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint. | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart. | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

When we were baptized into Christ, we were baptized into His death and resurrection, that we live and walk in new life. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church, and the hope that is ours. Do you renounce the glamour of evil, and the ways that draw you from God?

By the grace of God, I renounce them!

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior? **In faith, I turn to Christ!**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

Let us pray for the needs of the church and the world to the Risen Lord, who promised: I am the Resurrection and the Life!

Jesus gathered his disciples by the lakeshore calling them from work to refreshment. Give us creative ways to support one another in labor and rest-taking that is safe and renewing
Risen Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. As we shelter in place open our hearts to your beauty around us. Give us deep appreciation for creation's amazing diversity, and guide us to conserve the work of your hands. Risen Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless mothers and all who offer motherly care and love in our lives. Give moms and all parents patience in this challenging and unsettling time. We give thanks for the faithful witness of mothers and matrons in faith and their steadfast care. Risen One, in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

Be present in comforting strength those for whom today is a day to endure, and those who mourn a mother's loss, whose mother's love was absent, or broken. Hold in your arms those whose arms are empty, who long to hold a child of their own. Risen Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bring relief to bodies weary with sickness. Renew doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home health care providers, social workers and all caregivers whose hearts and hands are exhausted with service. Bless all who demonstrate your love in acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need. Hear us as we bring the needs of our hearts to you now, or in the silence of our hearts. People of God for what else shall we pray... *We offer our prayers.* Bring wholeness to all in need. Risen Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God bring comfort and peace in the midst of death. By your promises remove our fear of death, and renew our hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. Risen Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

With alleluias in our hearts and on our lips we commend to your care all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen!**

Pause to give thanks. If you wish, offer thanks out loud for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online at this time, or your offering envelope can be placed in a basket and mailed. Then continue:

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,

a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. **C Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:
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.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Dwell in peace, for Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We sing or speak the hymn, 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today', as we are able. .

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| 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! | 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

POSTLUDE



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