

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN** “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” (LSB, #819 vs. 1, 3-5)

Sing praise to God, the highest good,  
The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood  
Our need for His salvation.

With healing balm our souls He fills  
And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress;  
O God, in mercy hear us.

Our Savior saw our helplessness  
And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock,  
His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock,  
Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother’s tender hand,  
He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ’s holy name,  
Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne,  
For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

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## **INVOCATION**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## **CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS**

*Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner?*

**People: Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.**

*Pastor: How do you know this?*

**People: From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

*Pastor: Are you sorry for your sins?*

**People:** Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

*Pastor:* What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

**People:** His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.

*Pastor:* Do you hope to be saved?

**People:** Yes, that is my hope.

*Pastor:* In whom then do you trust?

**People:** In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

*Pastor:* Who is Christ?

**People:** The Son of God, true God and man.

*Pastor:* How many Gods are there?

**People:** Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Pastor:* What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

**People:** He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

*Pastor:* Did the Father also die for you?

**People:** He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

*Pastor:* How do you know this?

**People:** From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

*Pastor:* What are the words of institution?

**People:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Pastor:* Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

**People:** Yes, I believe it.

*Pastor:* What convinces you to believe this?

**People:** The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

*Pastor:* What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

**People:** We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*Pastor:* Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

**People:** First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

*Pastor:* What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

**People:** His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.

*Pastor:* Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

**People:** That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

## **LITANY**

*Pastor:* Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**People:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*Pastor:* Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**People:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*Pastor:* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## **FIRST READING** Acts 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa

praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

*Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** *Revelation 21:1–7*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

*Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Lector: In honor of our Lord, please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**People: Lord, open our hearts to receive Your word of truth.**

**GOSPEL READING** *John 16:12–22*

[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” So some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**CREEDAL HYMN** “This I Believe”

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN "I'm But a Stranger Here" (LSB, #748)

I'm but a stranger here,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Earth is a desert drear,  
Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand  
Round me on ev'ry hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
Heav'n is my home.  
What though the tempest rage,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heav'n is my home;  
And time's wild wintry blast

Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last,  
Heav'n is my home.  
Therefore I murmur not,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Whate'er my earthly lot,  
Heav'n is my home;  
And I shall surely stand  
There at my Lord's right hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
Heav'n is my home.

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### SERMON "We Are Heaven Bound!" (Revelation 21:1-7)

## HANDBELL OFFERTORY WITH PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" LSB #803, arranged by Arnold Sherman, published by Agape

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### PREFACE

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor:* In the afterglow of Easter, we remember, Lord Jesus, Your awesome victory over the powers of sin, death, and hell. With the whole Christian Church on earth, we raise our voices in thanksgiving, celebrating our eternal blessings

*in You, our Victorious and Risen Savior. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, praising You and singing:*

**HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (LSB, #507)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord’s Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers’ directions.**

**DISTRIBUTION SONG** “*On The Night Christ was Betrayed*”

On the night Christ was betrayed, He gave thanks and bowed His head:  
“Thank You, God, for finest wheat, which You’ve given us to eat.”  
Yes, God is gracious; yes, God is gracious;  
yes, God is gracious; let’s thank Him for this food.

When He lifted up the wine, He thanked God for food divine.



Then He said, "Drink! Here's My blood! It is for your highest good."  
Yes, God is gracious; yes, God is gracious;  
yes, God is gracious; let's thank Him for this food.

Wine to drink and bread to eat: Come, let's taste Christ's royal treat.  
Here our sins are washed away; Jesus Christ is here to stay.  
Yes, God is gracious; yes, God is gracious;  
yes, God is gracious; let's thank Him for this food.

*Tune: "Jesus Loves Me"*

*Lyrics: John F. Selle*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN "What Is This Bread" (LSB, #629)**

What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,

Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Just as I Am, without One Plea" (LSB, #570)**

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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### **DISTRIBUTION SONG "All Who Are Thirsty"**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,  
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

We sing;

Come Lord Jesus come, come Lord Jesus come.  
Come Lord Jesus come, come Lord Jesus come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,  
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

We sing;

Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.  
Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Pastor: May the broken body and the shed blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, grant you all joy and peace in believing and daily remind you of who you are and Whose you are.*

**People: Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN** “Your Table I Approach” (LSB, #628 vs 5-6)

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## **BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:24-26)

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.*

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN** “Here I Am, Lord; It Is I, Lord”

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky,  
I Have Heard My People Cry.  
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,  
My Hand Will Save.  
I Who Made The Stars Of Night,  
I Will Make Their Darkness Bright.  
Who Will Bear My Light To Them?  
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain,  
I Have Borne My People’s Pain.  
I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They  
Turn Away.  
I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone,  
Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.  
I Will Speak My Word To Them  
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Wind And Flame  
I Will Tend The Poor And Lame.  
I Will Set A Feast For Them,  
My Hand Will Save  
Finest Bread I Will Provide,  
Till Their Hearts Be Satisfied.  
I Will Give My Life To Them,  
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.  
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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

### **In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus  
*with*

Proclaimer: Vicar John Cotner

Liturgist: Rev. John Selle

Musicians:

Adam Perez and Amanda Theilen

Organist: Karen Darby

8:15 Lay Reader – James Sanborn

11:00 Lay Reader – Nicky Shepherd

Children's Message: DCE Austin Angerman