



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

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10:00am

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Introduction

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light through the lens of love.

THE PRELUDE

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving Mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood. You opened wide the sea for the Israelites, Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst, cleanse our hearts, wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

***THE GATHERING HYMN:** *Now All the Vault of Heaven*
Resounds #367

*** THE GREETING**

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.**

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

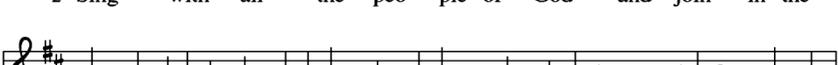
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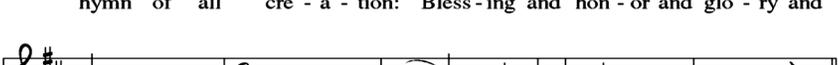
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

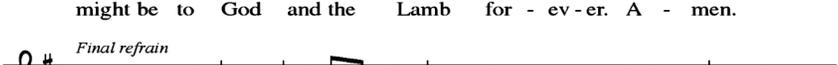


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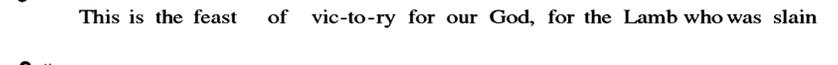


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 11: 1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail,¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is
over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and
praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson : Revelation 21:1-6

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung Tune Hymn #380)

C: Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Christ is risen from the grave! He who died this comfort gives: Lo, he lives, his own to save! Hallelujah! Praises be to our Lord eternally!

* P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the chapter.

* **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

* **The Gospel: John 13: 31-35**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY : *Alleluia, Jesus is Risen* #377

* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was Incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation

Merciful God
Receive our prayer.

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MEAL

* THE OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung) page 152

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

* **THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung) pg. 154

THE DISTRIBUTION

* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us Pray:
We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

* **THE SENDING SONG:** *Psalm 118: This Is the Day*
(Printed on page 11)

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving today: May 15

Acolyte: Leo Sanchez

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Serving next Week: May 22

Acolyte: William Morrison

Lector: Judy Bariexca

REFRAIN: *With energy!* (♩ = ca. 188) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Chords: G, F/G, Em7, C, D, Em7, F, Eb, F, G, F/G, Eb, F, G, Eb, F, G

Lyrics: This is the day ___ that the Lord has made; let us re-joyce ___ and be glad; for this is the day ___ that the Lord has made; al - le - lu - ia, ___ al - le - lu - ia! ___ Al - le - lu - ia, ___ al - le - lu - ia! ___

Annotations: (1st time: D.C.) to Verses, Final, Fine

VERSES 1, 2:

Chords: Em7, Cadd9, Bm/E, Em, Am/D, D, Em7, G/D, Cadd9, G/B, F, C/D, D.C.

Lyrics: 1. Give thanks to God; the Lord is good. God's mer - cy en - 2. The Lord's right hand is lift - ed up; the hand of the 1. dures for - ev - er. ___ Let the house of Is - ra - el 2. Lord is might - y. ___ I shall not die, but live to 1. say: "God's mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er." ___ 2. tell the mar - vel - ous works of God. ___

PSALMS

736—PSALM 118: THIS IS THE DAY (Soper), cont. (2)

VERSE 3

Chords: Em7, G/C, C, G, F/G, Em7, G/C, Am7, F, G/F, F, G/F, F, C/D, D.C. al fine

Lyrics: 3. The stone which the build - ers re - ject - ed has be - come the 3. cor - ner - stone. ___ This is the work of the Lord; how won - der - ful, ___ 3. ___ how won - der - ful ___ in our eyes! ___

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

COVID PROTOCOLS continue to be in place for the safety of those who worship or use the building. Holy Trinity will allow indoor masking to be a personal choice, using good judgement. We continue to social distance and will still have the sign in sheet.

CROSSROADS CAMP: If your looking for a great summer program for your young Christians, please check put Crossroad's camp. The church offers scholarships. For more information please speak to Laura Poethke.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Tues. 12-3, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

PLEASE HELP US as we work to update the church directory. Please fill out a Church Member Information form for you and your family with mailing addresses, best phone numbers, and updated Email addresses. You can leave the forms in the bin in the Narthex or mail them back to the church.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session every Sunday at 9:00AM. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are excited to be continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring Voices That Reign. Our next service will be on Tuesday May 24th @7pm.

What's Happening in our Building

You may notice that our building is undergoing some construction. We are excited to once again have our halls filled with the laughter and smiles of school children.

As many know during Covid we lost our wonderful Dor-lyn school due to the financial impact it took on the school.

Throughout the past few months we have been working with the Burlington Township school district and their pre-k state expansion program. We are thrilled to announce that we have entered into a contract with them and we will be working directly with their umbrella group KidzSpace, to bring back a school program to our building.

This program is State facilitated so we are having to bring our building up to the code of the State. This is being done through the school and KidzSpace and overseen by our staff and council. Financially this will be a blessing as well.

While their monthly donation will not cover everything that it takes to keep our church operating, it does help us. That being said, your faithful giving is still crucial to helping us to keep our doors open and doing the good work and spreading the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

Please join in praying and asking the Lord to bless this program. To once again have our halls filled with the energy of the children and their families is a wonderful blessing. To be given the opportunity as a church to be a part of our community again is exciting. We are thankful for this opportunity.

In Peace
Bonnie Mazza
Council President



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of our Council members. (Bonnie Mazza, Chris Rodig, Amber Johnson, Laura Poethke, Hank Bariexca, Judy Bariexca, Peggy Bowers, Jamie Lisowski, or Norm Entzian)

Our Church Worship & Picnic is Back!!!

Mark your Calendars for June 12

Location Front Pavilion at Burlington Township Park

Sunday school at 9:00am

Worship Service at 10:00am

Church games and picnic to follow.

Hoagies, water and lemonade provided, please bring side dishes to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Remember to bring chairs, blankets etc.

Hope to see everyone there for a great day of worship, fellowship and games.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!!!!!!!

August 1-5, 2022

Monumental

We are excited to be bringing back Vacation Bible school this summer. We are currently planning on August 1-5 9am-12noon ***WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.*** Please reach out to Bonnie Mazza and let her know if you are available to help out. Here is a list of the areas you can help

Teacher

Teacher's Assistant

Recreation

Arts n Crafts

Snack

Music

Skits

Set up the week before

Clean up
end after



the week-

Our Worship Teams Need Volunteers

Please consider joining one of our Ministry team. Do you ever ask what it takes to make our wonderful services happen. While the Pastor and staff prepare during the week for our time of worship, it takes the support of our ministry teams to help things run smoothly.

Ushers

If you volunteer to help usher, you assist with the handing out of bulletins, the collection of the offering and on communion Sundays help to lead people to the Lord's table. Please see Steve Anderson or Pastor if you are interested.

Greeters

You are the first face that our worshippers see each Sunday. Greeters welcome people before worship and identify guests. Please reach out to Peggy Bowers or Bonnie Mazza

Readers

The name says it all. If you volunteer to serve in this capacity you will be reading the printed scriptures on your assigned day. Please see Judy Bariexca or Pastor to be added to our list.

Communion Assistant

On communion Sundays, you would assist in the distribution of the elements. If you volunteer to serve, you will receive guidance and training before you are added into the rotation. Please reach out to Bonnie Mazza, Amber Johnson or Pastor.

Acolyte

If you have a young Christian who would like to help with the lighting of the candles, please see Laura Poethke or Pastor. This is a great way to help our Sunday School children to serve their Lord.

Tech Team

This is a new ministry and we need tech savvy people to help run our sound system and video on Sunday mornings. If you are blessed with this gift please reach out to Amber Johnson to see how you can help.

If you are considering joining one of our worship teams, please know that you will not be asked to do this every Sunday, our goal is to build these ministries so that our volunteers serve on schedules set up ahead of time.