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The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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1 A might-y for-tress is our God, A sword and shield vic-
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
 3 Though hordes of dev-ils fill the land All threat-ning to de-
 4 God's Word for-ev-er shall a-bide, No thanks to foes, who

to-ri-ous; He breaks the cruel op-pres-sor's rod And
 ject-ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, Whom
 your us, We trem-ble not, un-moved we stand; They
 fear it; For God him-self fights by our side With

wins sal-va-tion glo-ri-ous. The old sa-tan-ic foe
 God him-self e-lect-ed. You ask who this may be?
 can-not o-ver-pow'r us. Let this world's ty-rant rage;
 weap-ons of the Spir-it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread-ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je-sus, might-y Lord,
 In bat-tle we'll en-gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon-or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a-way,

He arms him-self to fight. On earth he has no e-qual.
 God's on-ly Son, a-dored. He holds the field vic-to-ri-ous.
 They can-not win the day. One lit-tle word sub-dues him.
 The King-dom's ours for-ev-er!

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mer-cy.

A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mer-cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mer-cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mer-cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.
G A - - - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther: We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

THE SALUTATION

F The Lord be with you.

G And al-so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...
 O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

CLARINET SOLO: *Behold Our God*

Anna Flowers

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

THE PSALM *Psalms 31:1-5, 14-16*

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**
³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net
that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

¹⁴But as for me,

I have trusted in you, O LORD.

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face
to shine upon your servant,
and in your lovingkindness save me."

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

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

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like 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. ⁶ For 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."

⁷ To 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,"

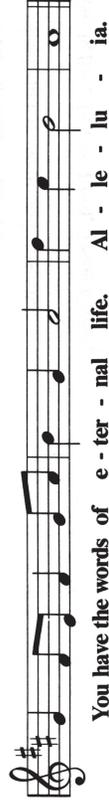
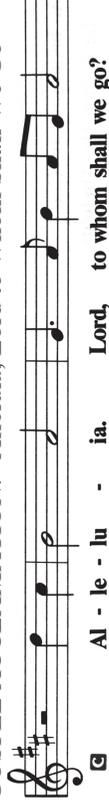
⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

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

⁹ But 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.

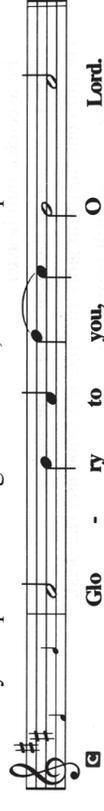
¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.



THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

¹⁴ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" vs 1,2,3,4,5

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When shall I come to thee?
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the samis, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks, Con - tin - ual - ly are green;
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit And ev - er - more do spring;

5 Jerusalem, my happy home,
 Would God I were in thee!
 Would God my woes were at an end,
 Thy joys that I might see!

THE SERMON

HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs 1,2,3,4

415 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's. . . sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss your king - dom's goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 Serv - ing you whom we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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 BENEDICTION

How Great Thou Art

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, And take me

all the *worlds thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing
 birds singsweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain
 Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, How great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

THE DISMISSAL THE POSTLUDE