

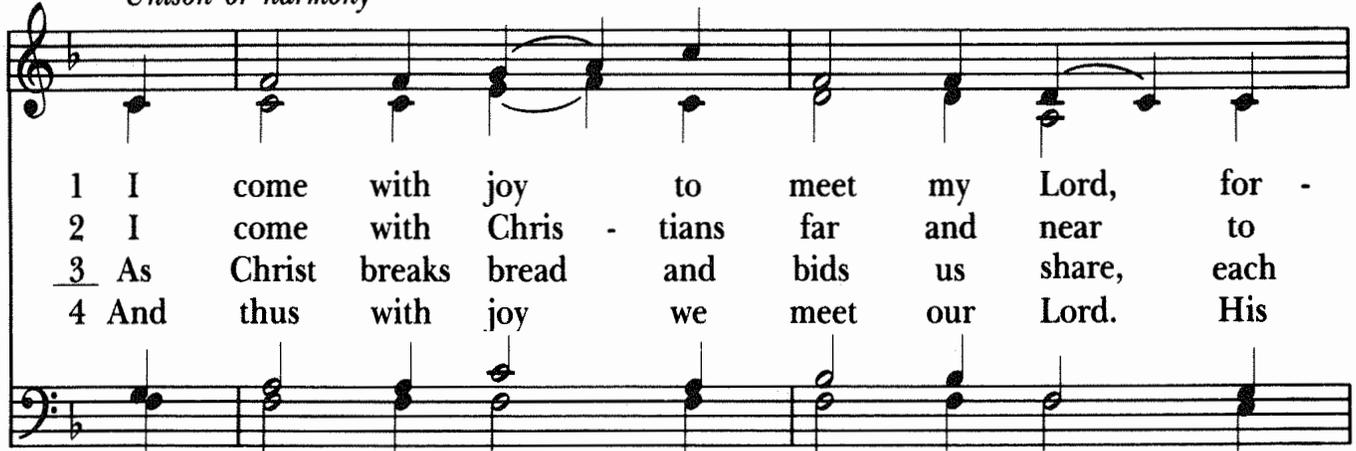
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 2020

The Service of Morning Prayer

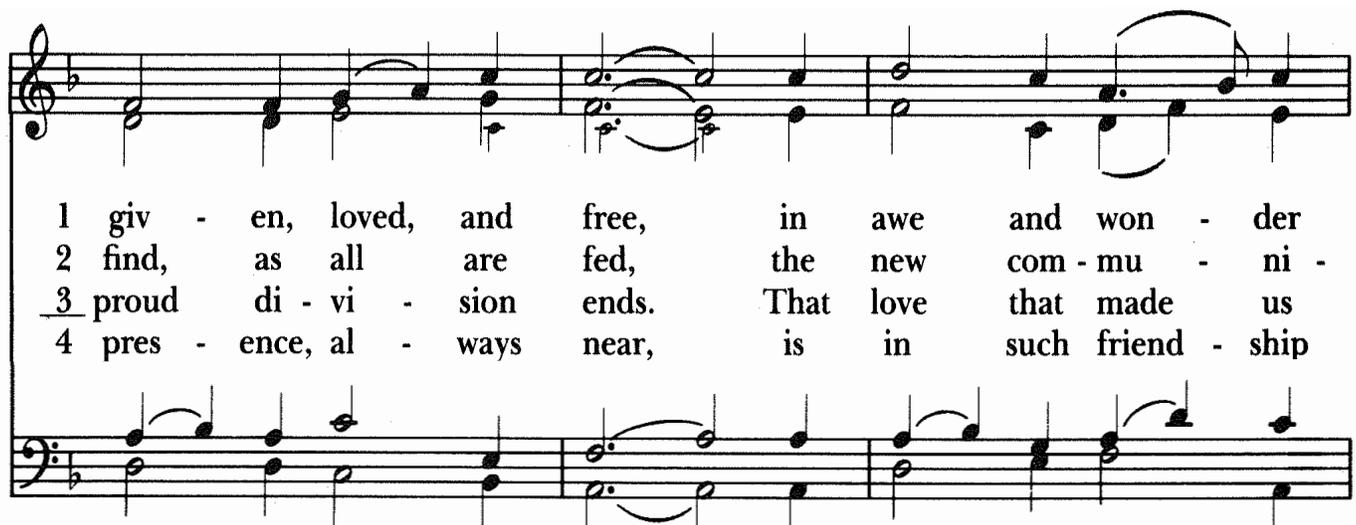
OPENING HYMN

I come with joy

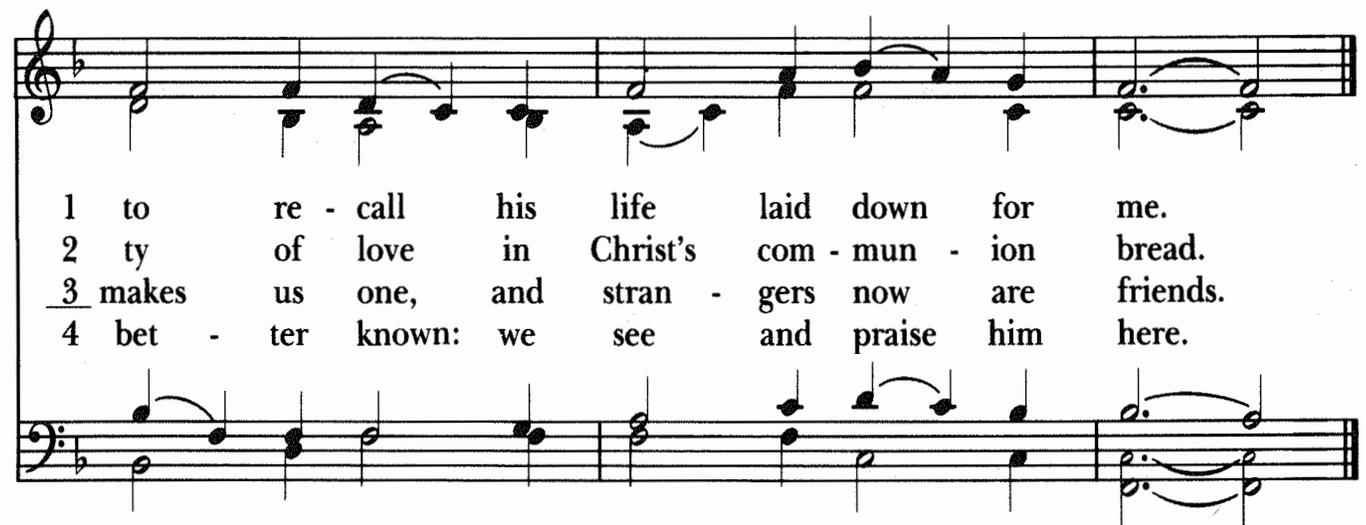
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.

Please note that BCP refers to The Book of Common Prayer should you wish to refer to the prayer book.

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER *Pascha nostrum*

BCP 83

Officiant and People

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 31, to be read in unison.

***In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.***

***Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.***

***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.***

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

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

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

***Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."***

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 7:55-60

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 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. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 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 Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

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

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 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. 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.”

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”,

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.

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
 2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
 3 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
 thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
 sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
 com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
 pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
 free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

A Reading from the Gospel According to St. John

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 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'? 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. 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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

SOLO: *Lucy Santos Green*

You will be found

Have you ever felt like nobody was there?
 Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?
 Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
 Like you could fall, and no one would hear?

Well, let that lonely feeling wash away
 Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay
 'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand
 You can reach, reach out your hand

And oh, someone will come running
And I know, they'll take you home

Even when the dark comes crashing through
When you need a friend to carry you
And when you're broken on the ground, you will be found

So let the sun come streaming in
'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
Lift your head and look around, you will be found

There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown
And every time that you call out
You're a little less alone
If you only say the word
From across the silence, your voice is heard

And oh, someone will come running
And I know, they'll take you home

Even when the dark comes crashing through
When you need a friend to carry you
When you're broken on the ground, you will be found

So let the sun come streaming in
'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
If you only look around, you will be found

Out of the shadows the morning is breaking
And all is new, all is new
It's filling up the empty
And suddenly I see that
All is new, all is new
You are not alone

Even when the dark comes crashin' through
When you need someone to carry you
When you're broken on the ground, you will be found!

So when the sun comes streaming in
'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
If you only look around, you will be found

Even when the dark comes crashin' through, you will be found
When you need someone to carry you, you will be found

Officiant and People together

***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 to the dead.
 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 PRAYERS

BCP 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

***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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.***

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your Name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

BCP 99

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR GRACE

BCP 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Lord lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we thank you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. We especially give thanks for those celebrating birthdays: *Sara Lue, Richard Zgol, Marsha Varner, and Beth Goolsby*. We give thanks for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School and The Claiborne at West Lake. For all our mothers on earth and in heaven. On this day, give us hope, for Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us. We especially pray for those in need of healing: *Carol Kane, Linda Jewell, Pat Sells, Kayla, and Alison Hayes*. For Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears. For the departed: For Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world. For Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Officiant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

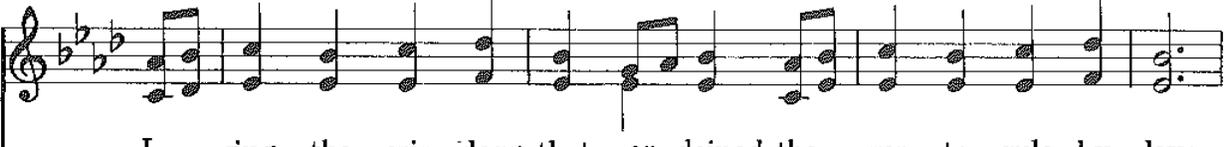
I sing the mighty power of God



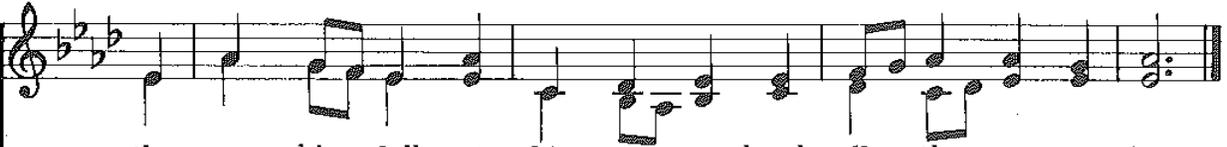
1. I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;




that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea - tures with his word and then pro - nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule by day;
 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres - ent there.



Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

BLESSING

Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the rich and abundant blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, evermore. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People (Especially children): Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

SERVING TODAY

Officiant	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Lector	Dr. Dave Blake
Musicians	Drs. Brad and Lucy Green
Live stream	Thomas Saunders

VESTRY

Fred Hoogland, Sr. Warden, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden
Mallory Halterman , Steven Hahn,
Tab Carter , Bill Leibel