

# St. John's Order of Worship

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter

## Welcome

Greetings and a Happy Mother's Day weekend to all of the moms that are worshipping with us online.

We continue in the season of Easter; Christ is risen... He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

In our Gospel lesson today, Jesus speaks these words; "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in god; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms." Jesus speaks about our hope and He speaks about our home in Himself. Jesus speaks about the Family of God and the gift of faith by the Spirit.

May God strengthen your faith as well, as you worship by His Spirit today!

## Opening Song

**See What a Morning (Resurrection Hymn)** [ Getty & Townend ]

Verse 1 See what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love,  
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice;  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man! For He lives;  
Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 2 See Mary weeping; where is He laid?  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb,  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name,  
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years—  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us—  
Will sound till He appears;  
For He lives! Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 3 One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise,  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him;  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered,  
And we shall reign with Him!  
For He lives! Christ is risen from the dead!

## Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Confession

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## **Absolution**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son† and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty Father, through Your Son's dying and rising to new life, You have made us Your children and heirs of Your salvation. We thank You for this undeserved gift. By Your grace help us to build our lives on Christ, our Cornerstone. In the midst of adversity in this changing world, keep our faith grounded in Christ. When we are bombarded by the lies of Satan, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. By the power of Your Spirit, enable us to declare Your glory and the name of Christ, even if doing so comes at great cost to us. Strengthen us for the work You have for us to do that in all things we may give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the children of God declared:

**C: Amen.**

## New Testament Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

<sup>1</sup> Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.” <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>2</sup> And Stephen said: <sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” <sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called

out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> 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.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14**

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.<sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.<sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?<sup>10</sup> 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.<sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## Sermon Song

### ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives* [ LSB 461 ]**

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.

He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

## Children's Message

**Message:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
"Flowers for God"  
Pastor Jeff Hesse

## Offering Song

### ***Christ Is Risen*** [ Matt Maher ]

Verse 1 Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame,  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us; freely You've bled for us.

Chorus Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death!  
Come, awake! Come, awake! Come, and rise up from the grave!  
Christ is risen from the dead; We are one with Him again!  
Come, awake! Come, awake! Come, and rise up from the grave!

Verse 2 Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
No burden great can hold You down.  
In strength You reign; Forever let Your church proclaim:

Bridge O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light!  
The glory of God has defeated the night!  
Singing O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light!  
Our God is not dead; He's alive! He's alive!

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

**ALL: 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.**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
And † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Song

### ***Christ The Eternal Lord (vs 1,3,4) [ LSB 829 ]***

Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.

Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.

Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.