

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Wake Up My Soul

Wake up my soul, wake up early in the day.

Wake up my hands, and the instrument I
play.

Wake up my voice, let the world hear me say
You are worshipped and exalted here today.

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Your loving kindness is great as the
heavens,

Your faithfulness is higher than the sky.

Be exalted, God, above the heavens,

Let your glory shine!

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You are worshipped and exalted here today.

Come To The Table

Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
Come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation,
Receive from His nail scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation,
Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine and the bread.

Well I cry out to my God who does
wonders,

Under the shadow of your wings will I hide.

Though my enemies try to surround me,

Let your glory shine!

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Prayer

Gathering Song: WOV 674 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping be gone; sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful and just God,

C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

P: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others; in the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Apostolic 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.

Kyrie (sung): LBW setting 2, page 78

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast , LBW Setting 2, pg. 81

A: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: ...you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lessons

Acts 8:26-40 (GOD'S WORD Translation)

26 An angel from the Lord said to Philip, "Get up, and take the desert road that goes south from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So Philip went.

An Ethiopian man who had come to Jerusalem to worship was on his way home. The man was a eunuch, a high-ranking official in charge of all the treasures of Queen

Candace of Ethiopia. 28 As the official rode along in his carriage, he was reading the prophet Isaiah out loud.

29 The Spirit said to Philip, “Go to that carriage, and stay close to it.”

30 Philip ran to the carriage and could hear the official reading the prophet Isaiah out loud. Philip asked him, “Do you understand what you’re reading?”

31 The official answered, “How can I understand unless someone guides me?” So he invited Philip to sit with him in his carriage.

32 This was the part of the Scriptures that the official was reading:

“He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.

He was like a sheep that is silent
when its wool is cut off.

He didn’t open his mouth.

33 When he humbled himself,

he was not judged fairly.

Who from his generation

will talk about his life on earth being cut short?”

34 The official said to Philip, “I would like to know who the prophet is talking about. Is he talking about himself or someone else?” 35 Then Philip spoke. Starting with that passage, Philip told the official the Good News about Jesus.

36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water. The official said to Philip, “Look, there’s some water. What can keep me from being baptized?” 38 The official ordered the carriage to stop. He and Philip stepped into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they had stepped out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away. The official joyfully continued on his way and didn’t see Philip again.

40 Philip found himself in the city of Azotus. He traveled through all the cities and spread the Good News until he came to the city of Caesarea.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel Acclamation: LBW setting 2, page 83

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Gospel according to... **John 15:1-8 (NRSV)**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

After the reading

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: “Desperately Seeking Something”

Message Hymn: **Same Power**

I can see the waters raging at my feet
 I can feel the breath of those surrounding
 me
 I can hear the sound of nations rising up
 We will not be overtaken
 We will not be overcome
 I can walk down this dark and painful
 road
 I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown
 I can hear all God's children singing out
 We will not be overtaken
 We will not be overcome

The same power that rose Jesus from the
 grave
 The same power that commands the dead
 to wake
 Lives in us lives in us
 The same power that moves mountains
 when He speaks
 The same power that can calm a raging sea
 Lives in us lives in us
 He lives in us lives in us

We have hope that His promises are true
In His strength there is nothing we can't do
Yes we know there are greater things in
store
We will not be overtaken
We will not be overcome

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The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us lives in us
He lives in us lives in us

Greater is He that is living in me
He's conquered our enemy (oh)
No power of darkness
No weapon prevails
We stand here in victory oh

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No power of darkness
No weapon prevails
We stand here in victory oh
Oh, in victory yeah

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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**

Praise Song: Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start
now

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine. Oh
And You are mine. Oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without
borders

Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever
wander

And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

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Prayers of the Church

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

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers are concluded with

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

C: Amen

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory – Let the Vineyards LBW Setting 2, page 86

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

The Great Thanksgiving – LBW setting 2, page 88

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface: It is indeed right and salutary ... and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy – LBW setting 2, page 89

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might, heav’n 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.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, ...Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Lord’s Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Agnus Dei – Agnus Dei –LBW setting 2, page 92

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Post-Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Canticle – Thank the Lord, LBW Setting 2, pg. 92

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

C: Amen

Closing Song: **Because He Lives**

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there
To prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He
lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days
Because He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He
lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He
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Because I know He holds the future,
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Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Share the Good News.

C: Yes, Lord, we will!