

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022



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

WELCOME in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here.

As Christ promises to be in our midst, may he bless you during our time together and throughout the week. If you are a guest, please fill out a welcome card from the pews and put it in the offering plate and sign our Guest Register as you leave.

Please join us in the foyer after service for coffee and fellowship.

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To accommodate the needs of those attending service, large print bulletins are available. The church is also equipped with a hearing loop; to access the loop, use the T-switch on your hearing aid.

Please note:

This service is live streamed. Cameras are all in back and will not see your face.



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Christopher Callahan, Heidi Pelkey, Esther Medeiros, Anne Schweinfurth, & military/first responders: Jennifer Foti, Matt Gibbs, Justin Powell, Michael Rehbaum, Nicholas Robinson, Jaymen Thompson, Kelly Voorhees, Paul Voorhees, & Zachary Zeiner. (Please renew each name monthly.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sponsor a Coffee Hour: As we look toward life-after-pandemic, we are “resurrecting” our coffee hour tradition, asking groups or individuals to sponsor a coffee hour. We have many folks who have begun worshiping with us over the past two years who are eager to meet some people. See www.tinyurl.com/StPaulsPittsfordSignUp to sign up.

First Communion Class: First communion class will be next week after worship.

New Member Class: Considering joining St. Paul's? We will be holding a new members class this spring as a chance to meet people and learn about St. Paul's. Tell Pastor Johanna if you are interested in learning more.

PRELUDE*Now the Green Blade Rises*Trad. French carol
arr. Jonathan Thomas Madden (b. 1998)**WELCOME**

Congregation stands.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

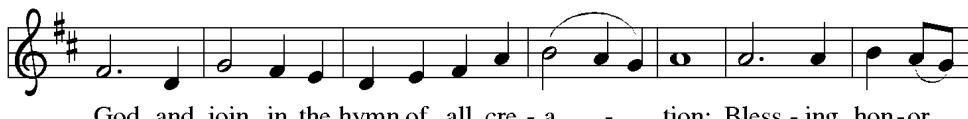
Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



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

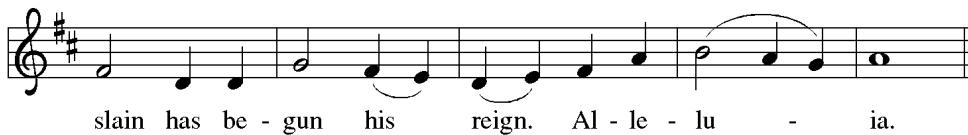
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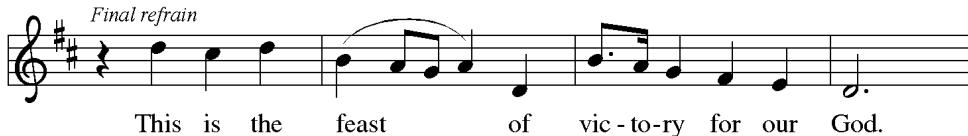


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

Congregation is seated.

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148 – *The choir introduces the refrain, and the congregation repeats. The choir and congregation alternate verses, with the congregation singing the bold verses. The refrain is sung at each R.*



The splen-dor of the LORD is over earth and heav'n.



¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, ¹ all you angels;**
sing praise, all you ¹ hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, ¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you ¹ shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- ¹ en of heavens,**
and you waters a- ¹ bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they ¹ were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not ¹ pass away. R

⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;

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

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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. R

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! R

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

*The children are invited to come forward
for a message from the pastor especially for them.*

Congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. Alleluia. (John 13:35)

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

Congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY*I Come with Joy*

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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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: ...God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Final Petition: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation shares signs of peace with one another.

Congregation is seated.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

OFFERING

To sustain the ministries of the Church, this time may be used to make a gift either online (www.stpaulspittsford.org), through the neighboring QR code which takes you directly to our Simply Giving page, or you may mail a check directly to St. Paul's or leave your donation in the offering plate during service.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Mark Miller

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

- Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Congregation stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ is Arisen

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
meet us now in this meal.

Nourish us to follow you,
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *[Presider continues with the Proper Preface]*
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

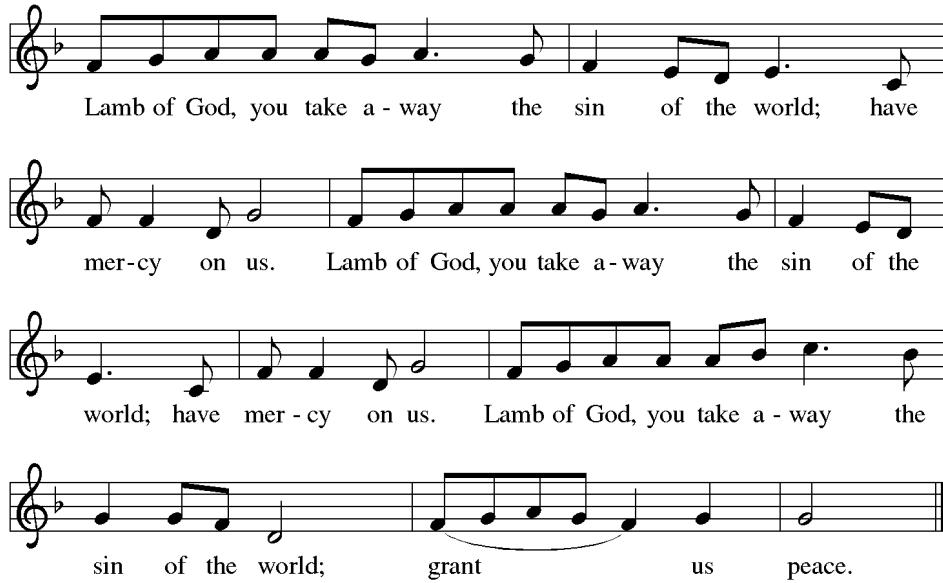
For thine is the kingdom,

**and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is by invitation of the Lord, and open to all baptized believers who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal. Come forward by the center aisle, keeping 6 feet (about two pews) between family units. Those not communing, whether children or adults, may come forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. Receive the bread from pastor. Glasses are prefilled – red is wine, white is grape juice. Please be cautious not to touch other glasses as you take yours out. Return your empty glass to the tray on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisle. We will commune first the pulpit side, then the piano side. The bread is all gluten-free.

If you are unable to approach for communion, inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the spirit of truth.
(John 14:15-17 KJV)*

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ now strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you,
send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,
Father, [☩] Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

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DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Little Suite
IV. Postlude

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)