
✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

ORDER OF WORSHIP • MAY 7, 2023 • 9:00 AM

✠ Indicates the congregation should stand as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

✠ OPENING HYMN WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED
LBW #189

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

WL: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

All: Amen.

WL: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

a brief silence for meditation and confession

God of life,

**All: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.
You have chosen and called us, God,
yet we are frightened and confess to closing our ears to your voice.**

We have not listened to voices that challenge us.

We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.

Our hearts are slow to hear you and believe your promises.

Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

WL: People of God, hear the good news!

Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, loves us and forgives us.

He calls us by name when we stray and He searches for us.

When He finds us, in joy He lovingly carries us home.

In the + name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

All: Amen!

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 PETER 2:2-10

R: Our Epistle lesson on this Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the first letter of St. Peter, the second chapter.

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”
and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ ALLELUIA VERSE

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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✠ HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 14:1-14

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord!

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✝ MESSAGE HYMN

TAKE, OH, TAKE ME AS I AM

**Take, oh, take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE & SANCTUS

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WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WL: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Repeat each phrase the cantor sings

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○ JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

LBW #503

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING
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✠ SENDING

WL: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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