

May 10, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday Of Easter

PRELUDE: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"- Charles H. Gabriel arr. by Marilyn Ham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS:

Liz, Emma, and William Klemt – May 10

Luke Burket, Doreen Davis, Andrew Strawderman – May 11

Rebecca Held Knoche – May 12

GATHERING SONG: No. 243 - "Be Not Afraid"

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

We long for abiding peace and friendship that renews our souls.

Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

We seek wisdom that endures and guidance for our journey.

Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

We come to encounter Christ.

Let us worship our God!

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 645 - "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepers;

by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:

To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far way, but through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads her chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

**Almighty God,
your word offers freedom from sin,
but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;
we have been deceitful in our relationships;
we have been insincere in our commitments;
through gossip we have slandered our friends.
Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk
that we may grow into the joy of salvation
through Jesus Christ.**

Time for silent confession...

AMEN.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 251 – "Christ has Arisen, Alleluia" v. 5 and refrain

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: "May the peace of Christ be with you!"

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN OF RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | John 14:1-14

SERMON: "Do Not Be Troubled"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No.177 - "I Will Come to You"

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

Refrain:

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.
(Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!
(Refrain)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS:

"A Simple Song"(from Mass) Leonard Bernstein

*DOXOLOGY: - No. 239 - "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" v. 4

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: No. 547 - "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: "Every Morning is Easter Morning" v. 1 and Coda

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
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Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
From now on!

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