

## 5-5-2024 6th Sunday of Easter

**Hymn**      *All Creatures of Our God and King*      #400

1    All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,

*Refrain:*

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2    Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice,

*Refrain*

3    Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

*Refrain*

4    Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:

*Refrain*

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

*Acts 10:44-48*

[Peter was told by the Spirit to go to the house of Cornelius, a centurion and one who was held in high esteem by the Jewish people, although he and his household were gentiles. When Peter arrived, Cornelius told him all about a vision of an angel he recently experienced. Peter was astonished and said he now understands that God shows no partiality and that the Holy Spirit has been poured out for all people.]

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. They heard them speaking in other languages and

praising God. Peter asked, “These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?” He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Today’s psalm is 98. *Please respond where bold.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**for he has done marvelous things.**

With his right hand and his holy arm  
**has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;  
**his righteousness has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations.**

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you peoples;  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
**shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world  
**and the peoples with equity.**

A reading from the First Letter of John *1 John 5:1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God. Whoever loves someone who is a parent loves the child born to the parent. This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep God's commandments. This is the love of God: we keep God's commandments. God's commandments are not difficult, because everyone who is born from God defeats the world. And this is the victory that has defeated the world: our faith. Who defeats the world? Isn't it the one who believes that Jesus is God's Son?

This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. Not by water only but by water and blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*John 15:9-17*

Jesus said: "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

#178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. David J. Marshall

**Reflection Hymn** *God is Love #576*

*Refrain:* God is love, and where true love is  
God himself is there.

- 1 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.  
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.  
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.  
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

*Refrain*

- 2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,  
let there be in us no discord but one spirit. Banished  
now be anger, strife and every quarrel. Christ, our God,  
be always present here among us.

*Refrain*

- 3 Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,  
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.  
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

*Refrain*

## **The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.      *A brief silence*

Sing to the Lord a new song,

**for he has done marvelous things.**

Bless your Church so that we may abide in your love and love others as you love us. *Silence*

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

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

Lead this congregation to abide with you through all the varied changes in life.

Help all who doubt. Give peace to those whose faith has been shaken by tragedy. *Silence*

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

The poor shall eat and be satisfied

**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him.**

We remember before you all those who suffer with chronic medical conditions, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Amelia, Dennis, and Alice. Guide them and us along the right pathways for your Name's sake. Help those recovering from injury, especially Agie.

We pray for Turning Points, Manatee Food Bank, and all those who feed others. *Silence*

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



Give comfort to all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd and Nancy.

We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo.      *Silence*

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

Kingship belongs to the Lord;

**The Lord rules over the nations.**

Bless those who protect us both at home and abroad with peace and strength. Bring your peace to the whole world, especially in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.      *Silence*

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

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;      **all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

Give peace to those whom we love but see no longer. Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Bring us with peace into your house where we will dwell with you for ever.      *Silence*

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

*Celebrant:* O Lord, hear our prayers and strengthen and help us, that in our daily life walk with you, we serve you in all quietness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Master. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

### **Offertory Anthem** *Sing a New Song to the Lord*

Come and rejoice, lift up your voice; sing a new song to the Lord! Harmonies fair filling the air, sing a new song to the Lord! Let one and all answer the call; music and melody raise, God to adore for evermore with joyful anthems of praise!

Come, chant with delight canticles bright to God Almighty!  
Sing songs of good cheer, echoing clear to God the Lord!  
Now instruments bring, trumpet and string, this day of days,  
the Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!

With thanks, O God, for blessings all, our heritage we now recall;  
with grateful hearts we pledge anew to sing your song  
our whole life through.

Come and rejoice, lift up your voice; sing a new song to the Lord! Harmonies fair filling the air, sing a new song to the Lord! Let one and all answer the call; music and melody raise, God to adore for evermore with joyful anthems of praise!

## The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of

your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn**    *Ubi Caritas*

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love

Live in charity; God will dwell with you

## **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray. **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *O Love of God, How Strong and True* #455

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above; we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**