



May 15, 2022
9am Service
5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Our Mission Statement:

As God's people, abounding in HOPE and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.

Confession & Absolution

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.**

Easter Hymn of Praise

He Is Exalted (sing two times)

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high, I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

Jesus is Lord. Forever his truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high!

Prayer of the Day

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 your goodness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

“There Is Something about that Name”

Larry Keith

Word

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now 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 our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

When 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 our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

So Important We Have to Say It Again

Hymn of the Day

We Are All One in Christ (Somos uno en Christo)

#643

1. We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people out of many.
We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people out of many.
There is one God, and only one Lord; there is one faith, one holy love.
There is one baptism; there is one Spirit, who is God the comforter.
2. Somos uno en Christo, somos uno. Somos uno, uno solo.
Somos uno en Christo, somos uno. Somos uno, uno solo.

Un solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo amor.
Un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu, y eses el consolador.

Holy Baptism

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*Today we celebrate the baptisms of Devyn Marie and Taelyn Marie Rahm,
twin daughters of Jeremy and Rian Rahm*

Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers for the People

Prayer Petitions will end with “Lord in Your Mercy”
Prayer response is “**Hear Our Prayer**”

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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.

Offertory Prayer

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion and Distribution

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to handle the elements, require gluten free, or would prefer grape juice, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and you will be served in your pew.

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
3. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
4. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
5. Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Recognition and Blessing of Our Seniors

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Come, You Faithful (Vss. 1-4)

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(Vs. 1 – all; vs. 2 – women; vs. 3 – men; vs. 4 – all)

1. Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.

All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise undying.

3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
come to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!
4. Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**

Worship Leaders

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