

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Rachel C.
Arr. John Carter, et al.

Welcome and Announcements

Eastertide Lament

St. John's Lutheran Church

We assemble, praising the God of creation, rejoicing in the promise of the resurrection, and renewed in the gift of baptism.

Yet we stand with those who suffer throughout the world: victims of war, both soldiers and civilians; refugees fleeing violence; those forced into the loss of freedom; the oppressed seeking justice and social acceptance; those sick with coronavirus; the millions mourning their dead; the hungry and the homeless.

Hear us, O God.

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Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

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Sustain us to serve all in need.

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Give us your life.

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Hear these words and receive their power:

God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth.

God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life.

God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

Thanks be to God.



Who Is This Host Arrayed in White
Den store hvide flok

LBW 314

Den store, hvide flok vi se,
Som tusen berge ful av sne,
Med skov omkring av palmesving,
For tronen. Hvo er det?
Det er den helteskare som
Av hin den store trengsel kom
Og har seg todd i Lammets blod
Til himlens helligdom.
Der holder de nå kirkegang
Med uopphørlig jubelklang
I høye kor hvor Gud han bor
Blant alle englers sang.

*Who is this host arrayed in white
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
That stands with palms and sings its psalms
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints who kept God's Word;
They are the honored of the Lord.
He is their prince who drowned their sins,
So they were cleansed, restored.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring when they all sing
With angels shining bright.*

On earth their work was not thought wise,
But see them now in heaven's eyes;
Before God's throne of precious stone
They shout their vict'ry cries.

On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife to heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.

For now they have the best at last;
They keep their sweet eternal feast.
At God's right hand our Lord commands;
He is both host and guest.

O blessed saints, now take your rest;
A thousand times shall you be blest
For keeping faith firm unto death
And scorning worldly trust.

For now you live at home with God
And harvest seeds once cast abroad
In tears and sighs.

See with new eyes the pattern in the seed.

The myriad angels raise their song.

O saints, sing with that happy throng;
Lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

Text: Hans A. Brorson; tr. Gracia Grindal; **Music:** Norwegian folk tune.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: *And also with you.*

Canticle of Praise

ELW, pages 149-150

Refrain:**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.



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 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.**

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. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, *Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?* Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, *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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at*

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the house where we were. The 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. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If 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? When 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike, old and young together!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6

Then I 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And 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;
he 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.*

And 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.* Then 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.*

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. *Alleluia.*

Gospel – John 13:31-35

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Down to Earth

Pastor Mandsager



Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
Thine endless joy,
And of the same partaker ever be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.; **Music:** North American traditional, arr. hymnal version.
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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 the Church

Nikki Firth,
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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

Offertory

Beautiful Savior

Rachel C.
Arr. John Carter

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

Invitation

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Let us 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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song*Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food
while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you
free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none
can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in
endless joy. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon
you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace. **Amen.**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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God be with you till we meet again,
By good counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;

Till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
 Holy wings securely hide you,
 Daily manna still provide you;
 God be with you till we meet again.
 Till we meet, till we meet,
 Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
 Till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
 When life's perils thick confound you,
 Put unfailing arms around you;
 God be with you till we meet again.
 Till we meet, till we meet,
 Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
 Till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again.

Text: Jeremiah Rankin; **Music:** William G. Tomer

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Immortal Invisible

Rachel C.
Arr. Gerald Peterson

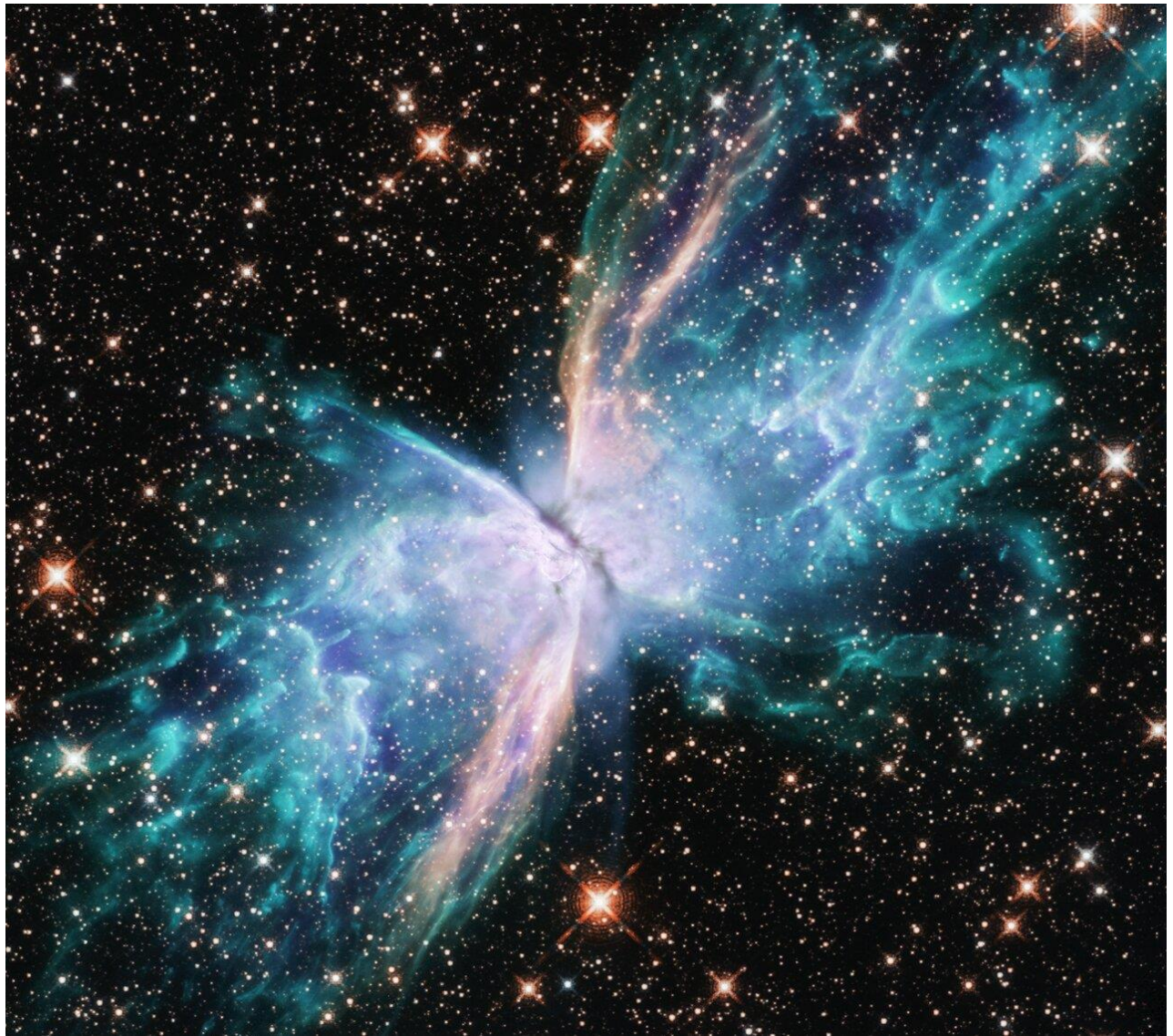


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