

**3rd Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Prelude

\*Introit

#2088, "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

**Preparing for God's Word**

\*Call to Worship

[Based on Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14]

Leader: May the joy of the living Christ be with you all.

**People: The Lord has lifted up our soul from dark caverns of death, and has restored our life from the deep pit of despair.**

Leader: God has turned our weeping into dancing,

**People: He has removed the rags of sorrow and clothed us with joy.**

Leader: To the One who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb of God,

**People: Be blessing and honor, and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen!**

\*Hymn of Praise

#263, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," vs. 1, 2, 3

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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### Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have gone against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Hear us as we confess their faults. Restore us from our sin.**

*[time of silent confession]*

Leader: In Christ Jesus, our Lord we pray.

**All: Grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live holy, just, and humble lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

[based on Ezekiel 36: 25-26]

Leader: Hear the Good News. God tells us, "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you."

**People: Through Christ, God gives us a new heart. He puts a new spirit within us; He removes our heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh.**

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven, praise God.

## Hearing God's Word

### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."  
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

### Hymn of Preparation

#443, "There Is a Redeemer"

There is a Redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One

Refrain:

Thank you, oh my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Hope for sinners slain

When I stand in Glory  
I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that Holy Place

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### Prayer of Illumination

### New Testament Reading: Revelation 5: 6-14

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits<sup>[a]</sup> of God sent out into all the

earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,

because you were slain,

and with your blood you purchased for God  
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign<sup>[b]</sup> on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## Sermon

"Rehearsing for Heaven... Worthy is the Lamb"

## Responding to God's Word

### Celebration of Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

*(various prayers)*

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Spirit

**All: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and**

**blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and through Christ let us be one with all who share this feast, united in your work in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.**

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of the People

*[various prayers]*

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

#2130, "The Summons," vs. 1, 2, & 5

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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\*Response

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from Who all blessing flow

Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghose  
Amen

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

#2281, "May You Run and Not Be Weary"

May you run and not be weary  
May your heart be filled with song  
And may the love of God continue  
To give you hope and keep you strong  
And may you run and not be weary  
May your life be filled with joy  
And may the road you travel always lead you home

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\*Postlude

\*Please Stand if Able