

5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022 Worship Bulletin
Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

"Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Refrain:

Be to our God, forever and ever
Be to our God, forever and ever
Be to our God, forever and ever
Amen

And we the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity, declaring aloud
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

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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

[inspired by Matthew 11:28-29 and Revelation 21:5]

Leader: Come all who are weary...

People: Weary of all the pursuit of wealth & status in this world; weary of all the struggling to succeed and the division and conflict around us.

Leader: Come all who are heavy-laden...

People: With stress and pressure, with anxiety, with fear or anger.

Leader: Come all who have hope...

People: Hope for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom of God, and for Christ's return.

Leader: Let us all once again hear the words of the Lord,

People: "See, I am making all things new."

*Hymn of Praise

#366, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," vs. 1,3,4

Love divine; all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,

Let us all Thy life receive.

Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
True and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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Prayer of Confession

[time for individual prayers of silent confession]

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen

within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Ezekiel 36:25-26]

Leader: Hear the Good News. Our Heavenly Father says, "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you."

People: God says that he will give us a new heart, that he will put a new spirit within us, and that he will remove from your body the heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh.

Leader: In, thru, and by 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

#2150, "Lord, Be Glorified," Sing the Faith Hymnal vs. 1, 3, 4

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In Your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In Your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride

beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty [will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Sermon

"Rehearsing for Heaven... All Brand New"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[Nicene Creed Part 21

All: I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "Written in Red"

*Response

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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]

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

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.

*Hymn of Response

#321, "The Church's One Foundation," vs. 1, 2, 5

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word,
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet
one o'er all the earth; Her
charter of salvation, One
Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally

Text: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.
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*Benediction

***Benediction Response**

#384, "Soon and Very Soon," vs. 1, 2

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We are going to see the King
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King.
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

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***Postlude**

***Please Stand if Able**