

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ruth Bills, Musician

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING HYMN

ELW Red Hymnal 384

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

(verses 1 & 2)

- 1. That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2. O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God, today we give thanks for mothers and mother-figures in our lives. As we learn about how the early Christians shared the Lord's Supper in their own homes, we are reminded how much your presence is mediated through our parents and our families. Teach us to see our families and our homes as sacred places where you meet us and love us. In Jesus' name,

C: **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:36-47

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 19:25-27

P: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to the nineteenth chapter of John:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is

your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. John Strommen, Preacher

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Red Hymnal 735

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

- 1. Mothering God, you gave me birth, in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**
- 2. Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**
- 3. Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, iin arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow, until I flow'r, until I know.**

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342- c. 1413

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MEAL

If you are alone, don't worry! I will say the words of distribution for you, and you can commune yourself.

Checklist for communion:

- *Your hands are clean.*
- *You've appointed someone to be the main server, and someone to serve the server.*
- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

After I say the words of institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will administer to each other saying these words: Extending the bread, you say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." Offering the wine, you say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY

You Are Holy

ELW Red Hymnal 525

***You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we understand.
You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.***

***You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

L: *(to those who are single)*

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

RECEIVING THE MEAL

For those who are doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the words of institution, followed by the Lord's Prayer. As you do the words of institution, you can hold up the appropriate element – the bread and the goblet or cup - if you wish (but it's not necessary).

LAMB OF GOD
ELW, Setting Three

Red Hymnal p 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: And now let us respond to the receiving of God's gifts to us by offering our gifts and our prayers to God.

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We will do the prayers like we normally do, where you can offer petitions. some of you have already sent prayers by email. I will read those first. Those who want to respond live may do so, and I'll read those also.

P: Let us now enter into a conversation with the living God by offering up what is on our hearts and minds. We begin by praying for those among us who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Trish, Kathy, Glenn, Peggy, Barb, and Dick.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions from the congregation, silent and spoken, personal and global, are invited.
If spoken, end with the words: Lord, in your mercy,*

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and in your grace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

WOV Blue Hymnal 748

Bind Us Together

(verses 1 & 3)

Refrain

***Bind Us Together, Lord, Bind Us Together
With Cords That Cannot Be Broken
Bind Us Together, Lord, Bind Us Together
Bind Us Together In Love***

- 1. There Is Only One God, There Is Only One King
There Is Only One Body, That Is Why We Sing. [Refrain]***
- 3. You Are The Family Of God, You Are The Promise Divine;
You Are God's Chosen Desire, You Are The Glorious New Wine. [Refrain]***

Words and music by Bob Gillman

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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