

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy 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.

Your are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us....Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Christ is the bread of life.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

Gracious God, now pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ....Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (*You may partake as you are served.*)

Prayer after Communion

* Hymn No. 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" *Beecher*

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Dismissal "The Lord Bless You" *Rutter*

Postlude

Worship Notes:

Worship Assistant: Barbara Sypher

Baritone Soloist: Tom Maloney

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May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

The Gathering of God's People

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

People: **Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

Scripture: Romans 6:9-11 N.T., p. 136

Personal Prayer

**Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave.
 By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you.
 By being raised from the dead,
 you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin.
 Throughout these fifty days of Easter
 we proclaim the marvelous mystery – of death and resurrection.
 For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.
 Amen.**

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

10:30 A.M.

** Please stand in body or spirit*

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Choral Introit

“Give Praise to God Our Lord”

Praetorius

* Call To Worship (*Please stand and join responsively*)

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God! Give thanks to God’s holy name!

People: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day. Thank God for healing, and ever-present help.

Leader: Extol the One who lifts us up from defeat. Praise the One who upholds us when we are discouraged.

People: God sees us and hears our weeping. God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

Leader: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing. Praise God who hears our cries, and answers our prayers.

People: We have cried to you in our need, O God. We believe you are working to make us whole.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn No. 662

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Ratisbon

Prayer of Confession (*The congregation uniting*)

God of life, you turn mourning into dancing, the dark night of weeping into the bright morning of gladness. Your light has shined upon us, claiming us as witnesses to your saving power. Yet we keep silent, and hide your light.

Forgive our meager witness to the glad news of your light breaking into our world, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Empower us by your Spirit to proclaim this Gospel to all, both in deed and in word, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer of Confession (*Please take time to be personal and specific....*)

Words of Assurance

Choral Response

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Berthier

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.” By your favor, O LORD, you established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? O LORD, be my helper!”

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Scripture Readings

Acts 9:1-16

N.T., pg. 111

John 21:1-19

N.T., pg. 101

Anthem

“Alleluia”

Randall Thompson

Parable Time

Barbara Sypher

Meditation

“Words to Live By: ‘Forgiveness’”

Pastor Lovelace

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Affirmation of Faith (*The congregation uniting*) The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, pg. 34)

* Gloria Patri No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Gloria Patri

* Hymn No. 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

Galilee

Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Good Samaritan Offering Received

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo

“For the Mountains Shall Depart”
(from “Elijah”)

Mendelssohn