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 *Mother's Day*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2021 - 5:00 PM

MAY 9, 2021 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(Trinity Bells)

arr. P. S. Cota

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
(sts. 1, 3 & 4)

Hymn 465

([10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn’ly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***THE INVOCATION**

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

***THE OPENING SENTENCES** *(Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 10)*

Vicar: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Vicar: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Vicar: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.

*THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Vicar: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

Vicar: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
People: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we should not have done. Neither have we done that which we should do as Your servants. We do indeed deserve your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Through Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Vicar: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as a servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

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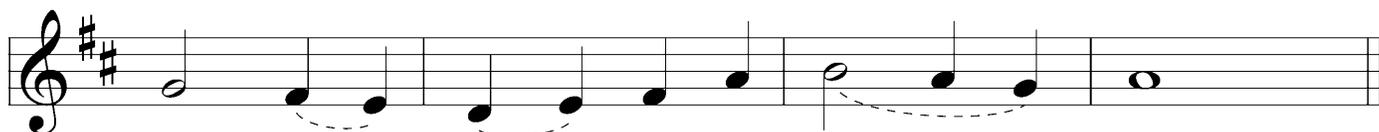
Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

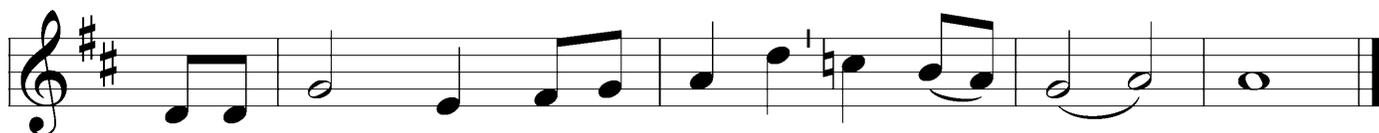


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Vicar: Let us pray. Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-48

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what

is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

Vicar: The Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[10:45] KIDZ CHOIR ANTHEM AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

“O Sing to the Lord”
(Kidz Choir)

arr. J. Schrader

***SERMON HYMN**

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”
(sts. 1, 2, 5 & 7)

Hymn 556

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict’ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!**

**Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o’er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.**

**God said to His belovèd Son: “It’s time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.**

From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever.”

To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

THE SERMON

“Rejoice in Jesus’ Great Love”

John 15:9-17

MOTHER’S DAY RECOGNITION

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Vicar: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

*PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***AGNUS DEI**

C 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

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.**

**Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.**

**Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.**

"Nearer My God, to Thee"

**Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be: Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee!**

**Nearer, my Lord, to thee, Nearer to thee,
Who to thy cross didst come, Dying for me!
Strengthen my willing feet, Hold me in service sweet
Nearer, O Christ, to thee, Nearer to thee!**

**Nearer, O Comforter, Nearer to thee,
Who with my loving Lord Dwellest with me!
Grant me thy fellowship! Help me each day to keep
Nearer, my Guide, to thee, Nearer to thee!**

**But to be nearer still, Bring me, O God,
Not by the visioned steeps Angels have trod.
Here where thy cross I see, Jesus, I wait for thee,
Then evermore to be Nearer to thee!**

***POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in the fellowship of the Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

***THE MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING**

Pastor: To all mothers, receive these words of blessing this day: May God our Heavenly Father, who has chosen you to be a mother and provided for your every need, nurture and strengthen you in every way, to love and care for your family with the enduring love and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mothers: Amen!

Pastor: To all the people of God, receive these words of blessing: May God our Father, who loves each of us with an eternal love, bless us and direct our days and deeds in His love and peace.

All: Amen!

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"
(sts. 1 & 4)

Hymn 922

**Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing You are My own.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Pastor	The Rev. Tom Block
The Liturgist	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Communion Deacons	Bill McComb, Roger Walker
The Lector	Krista Bernthal
The Usher/Greeter Team	Chuck & Carol Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	The Rev. Tom Block
The Liturgist	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist/Bell Choir Director	Wynn Bonner
The Kidz Choir Director	Sarah Duffy
The Sound Technician	Rodney Steffen
The Elder on Duty	Janet Hostler
The Communion Deacons	Fred Aceto, Jerry Carter, Jennifer Smith
The Lectors	Linda Aceto, Carl Locke
The Robing Leader	Julia King
The Crucifer	Steven Reimann
The Acolyte	Lauren King
The Welcome Team Greeter	Sharon Marinelli
At the Welcome Center	Judy Hinsch
The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker

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