“Waiting For the Gift.”
Sunday, May 24th, 2020

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Allahuia! Sing to Jesus”
“Maroon Hymnal #821
“There was a great multitude from every nation standing in front of the Lamb.” Revelation 7:9
“This same Jesus...will come back again...” Acts 1:11

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest
Here on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

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“All Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord” – Baloche

Isaiah 6:1 “I saw the Lord high and lifted up....Holy, holy, holy!”
Matthew 5:8 “blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.

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“King of Kings” – Brooke Ligertwood/Hillsong

This song tells the story of Jesus just like the Apostles’ Creed summarizes what we believe. “and the Church was born….the Spirit came upon them in Acts 2…a time of waiting”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff’ring, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who’d come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me. (Chorus)

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Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME TO REDEEMER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve Ferber

THE FIRST READING  Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach, until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. After His suffering He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

On one occasion while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

So when they met together, they asked Him, “Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.”

HOLY GOSPEL  John 17:1-11 (Jesus prays for His disciples)

After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the time has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.

“I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your word. Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. For I gave them the words You gave Me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given me, for they are Yours. All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. And glory has come to Me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name, the name You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor   In a world filled with violence, war, and fear:
People  We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

Pastor   In a world filled with tyranny, oppression, and abuse:
People  We gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

Pastor   In a world filled with hunger and greed:
People  We gather together to celebrate the promises of plenty for all.

Pastor   Our hope is in the name of the Lord.
People  The Creator, Redeemer, and Savior of the world.

Pastor   You have shown us, O Lord, what is good, and what the Lord requires of us. (Micah 6:8)
We turn our hearts to You, admitting our sin and selfish ways.

People  O God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives for our freedom,
let us be stirred into action in their memory.
We have not acted justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with You.
We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies.
Forgive us for failing to follow Your commandments.
Empower us to work for Your Kingdom in this world,
and welcome us by Your grace into Your heavenly Kingdom in the next.

Pastor   “If My people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek
My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive
their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14).
This is the promise of God, through the death of Jesus Christ our Savior, for His people
and for all nations.

People  Thank You Lord for Your mercy and grace. Amen.

THE 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.
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)
“God raised us up with Christ ....in order that..... he might show the incomparable riches of His grace...expressed in Christ Jesus” – Ephesians 2:6

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures. (Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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SERMON “Waiting For the Gift” Pastor Steve Ferber

WORSHIP SONG

“Be Glorified” (In My Life Lord)
In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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

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

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APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor Having heard the Word of God in Scripture and in teaching, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

COMMUNION – “Remember Our Lord Jesus Christ”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV Pew Bible)
For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

“Lamb of God”
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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BLESSING

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People He is risen indeed Alleluia!

Pastor 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.

People Amen.
MEMORIAL DAY HYMN (Navy Hymn) “Eternal Father Strong to Save” Maroon Hymnal LSB 717

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O’er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guiding hand
From ev’ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle’s flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev’ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow’r
Our people shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them where-soe’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

DISMISSAL
Pastor Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.
People Thanks be to God.