

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun. April 28, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!

John 3:16-17

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *LSB 549*



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Holy Baptism

Danlu Chen
Stanley Sangar

*** 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;
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**

*** Apostles' Creed**

**All: 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**

* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



☐ A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *LSB 803*



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
- △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav' n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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* Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40 NIV

Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.

Lector: The First Reading is from the 8th chapter of Acts.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of

Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:
"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I John 4:1-11 NIV

An exhortation to lives of Christian love.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 4th chapter of 1 John.

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit

that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail M. Ippolitof-Ivanof, 1913

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,
Blessed art Thou, O Lord,
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,
Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits:
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me bless His holy name.

He is full of compassion and mercy,
Long suffering and great in goodness,
He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He,
His wrath, His wrath for ever, His wrath for ever.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me bless His holy name.
O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.

*** Alleluia and Verse**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second staff contains the lyrics: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of simple quarter and eighth notes.

*** Holy Gospel**

John 15:1-8 NIV

Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

The Day of Resurrection LSB 478



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

* Offertory

"Create In Me"



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Receiving of Members

* Prayer of the Church

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Leader: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

* Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Almighty Father, Bless the Word *LSB 923*

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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