

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

the Kinnickinnic River and the St. Croix River, Bushnell Lake and Pine Lake.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN                      ELW #380    "Halleluia! Jesus Lives!"

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!  
He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy halls of death  
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies  
of his people, yet to rise.
  
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?  
Why that sad and mournful sigh?  
Christ who died our brother here  
lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow  
blessings on his church below.
  
- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,  
life eternal waits for you;  
joined to Christ, your living head,  
where he is, you shall be too;  
with the Lord, at God's right hand,  
as a victor you shall stand.
  
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.  
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song,  
cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the victor king, whose sway  
sin and death and hell obey.
  
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!  
Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain  
which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above  
and on earth his peace and love!

RESPONSIVE READING                      Psalm 31: 1-8, 15-16

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

**I hate those who cling to worthless idols;  
And I put my trust in the LORD.**

I will rejoice and be glad because of your steadfast love,  
for you have seen my affliction, you know my distress.

**You have not handed me over to the power of the enemy  
You have set my feet in an open place.**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE            ELW #253    "He Came Down"

- 1 He came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 2 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 3 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 4 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.



3 O Lord, all around us, your mercies astound us  
 As others discover the Way you reveal.  
 A man whispers, "Help me!" A woman cries, "Mercy!"  
 A doubter discovers your welcome is real.  
 O Way to the Father, your mercy is broader  
 Than we as your people have often proclaimed.  
 May we welcome others as sisters and brothers,  
 And treasure the life that we share in your name.

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Responses: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(You are welcome to share the peace with others.)*

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN    ELW #678    “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” *(alt. tune)*

- 1    God, whose giving knows no ending,  
       from your rich and endless store:  
       nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
       costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
       gifted by you, we turn to you,  
       off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
       thankful song shall rise forever,  
       gracious donor of our days.
  
- 2    Skills and time are ours for pressing  
       toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
       all at peace in health and freedom,  
       races joined, the church made one.  
       Now direct our daily labor,  
       lest we strive for self alone;  
       born with talents, make us servants  
       fit to answer at your throne.
  
- 3    Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
       gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
       ours to use for home and kindred,  
       and to spread the gospel word.  
       Open wide our hands in sharing,  
       as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
       healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
       serving you by loving all.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor,  
gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us,  
a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

THE GREAT 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 God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION &amp; SONG      ELW #483      "Here Is Bread"

Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine,  
Christ is with us here.

**Refrain: In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.**

Here is grace, here is peace  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace,  
feast on Jesus here.    *(To Refrain)*

Here we are, joined in one  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes  
Jesus crucified.    *(To Refrain)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to  
love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
 Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
 and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
 † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN                      ELW #376      “Thine Is The Glory”

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
 endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
 kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

***Refrain:***      **Thine is the glory,  
 risen, conqu'ring Son;  
 endless is the vict'ry  
 thou o'er death hast won!**

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
 Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
 let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
 for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!    ***To Refrain***
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
 life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
 make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.    ***To Refrain***

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**