

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus

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Order of Service for FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

469 – Welcome, Happy Morning



1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan’s chain;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav’n is won to - day!”
God from heav’n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture’s fall,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther’s God - head you, the on - ly Son,
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - ’ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
as in E - den’s gar - den when the world be - gan.

Refrain

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;

“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav’n is won to - day!”

Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

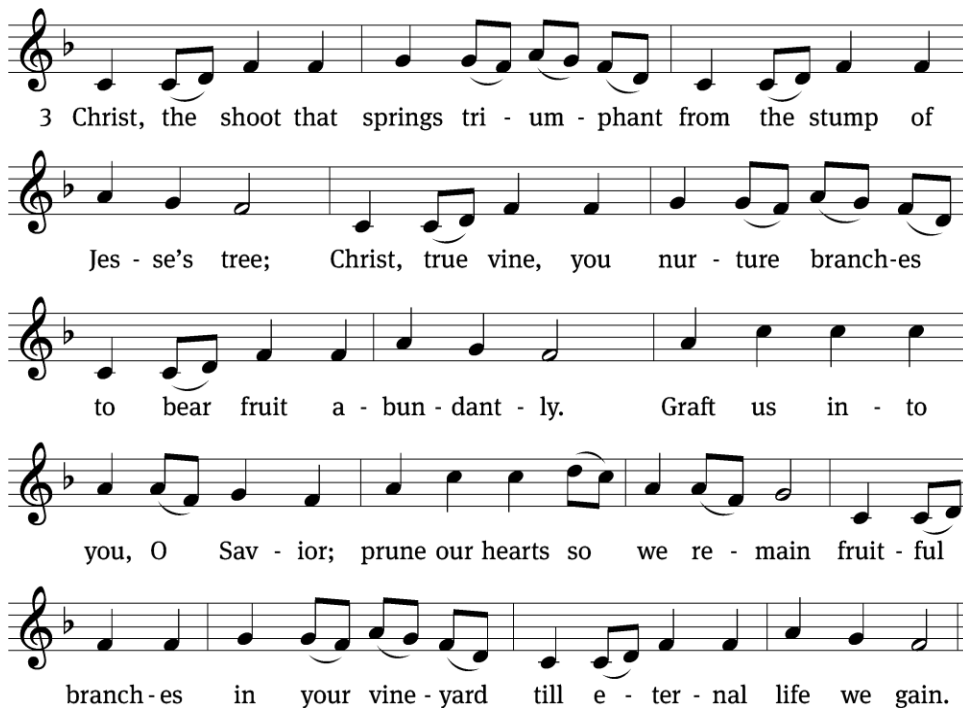
Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**



SONG OF PRAISE

528 – st. 3



3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant from the stump of
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch-es
to bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
you, O Sav - ior; prune our hearts so we re - main fruit - ful
branch - es in your vine - yard till e - ter - nal life we gain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Be seated



✘ The Word ✘

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-37

As the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits of unity and generosity.

ACTS 4:32All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 63

Refrain



Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.



You, God, / are my God,

earnestly I / seek you;

I thirst for you,

my whole being / longs for you,

in a dry and parched land

where there is no / water.

I have seen you in the sanctu - / ary

and beheld your power and your / glory. *Refrain*

Because your love is bet- / ter than life,
my lips will glori- / fy you.
I will praise you as long / as I live,
and in your name I will lift / up my hands.

Because you / are my help,
I sing in the shadow / of your wings.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

St. John encourages us to demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.

¹JOHN 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.

JOHN 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He 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. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain 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.

⁵"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. ⁶If 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. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

681 – Christ is With Me



1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death, that as he was raised
2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine, draw - ing life from roots
3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ, I no long - er live,



by God's glo - ry, we might walk in life made new by grace;
rich in mer - cy, bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him,
Christ lives in me; now I live by faith in God's own Son—



hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with him.
fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.
one who loved me so, gave him - self for me.



Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go;



nev - er to leave me, this I know.

✠ Sermon ✠

1 John 3:19,20

When Guilt's Flame Goes Out...

✘ Confession of Faith ✘

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, [*especially* _____,] that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God and God in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

595 – Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

Stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Brother and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

454 – Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen, sts. 1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth, Christ to the



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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