

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG

Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!

#377

**Alleluia Jesus is risen
Trumpets resounding in glorious light
Splendor the Lamb heaven forever
Oh what a miracle God has in sight
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory Alleluia**

Walking the way Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes
Breaking our bread giving us glory
Jesus our blessing our constant surprise
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory Alleluia

Jesus the vine we are the branches
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree
Heaven to earth Christ to the people
Gift of the future now flowing to me
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory Alleluia

Weeping be gone sorrow be silent
Death put asunder and Easter is bright
Cherubim sing O grave be open
Clothe us in wonder adorn us in light
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory Alleluia

City of God Easter forever
Golden Jerusalem Jesus the Lamb
River of life saints and archangels
Sing with creation to God the I AM
Jesus is risen and we shall arise
Give God the glory Alleluia

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING FROM ACTS 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM 1 PETER 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM JOHN 14:1-14

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Josh Brecht

SONG

Now the Green Blade Rises

#379

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain
Love lives again that with the dead has been
Love is come again like wheat arising green**

In the grave they laid him love by hatred slain
Thinking that he would never wake again
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen
Love is come again like wheat arising green

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain
He that for three days in the grave had lain
Raised from the dead my living Lord is seen
Love is come again like wheat arising green

When our hearts are wintry grieving or in pain
Your touch can call us back to life again
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been
Love is come again like wheat arising green

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

AM: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

AM: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuous support to our ministry during this time.

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.

BENEDICTION

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

#619

(Verses 1-4)

I know that my Redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
He lives he lives, who once was dead
He lives my ever-living head

He lives triumphant from the grave
He lives eternally to save
He lives exalted throned above
He lives to rule his church in love

He lives to grant me rich supply
He lives to guide me with his eye
He lives to comfort me when faint
He lives to hear my soul's complaint

He lives to silence all my fears
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart
He lives all blessings to impart

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

SENDING MUSIC

Vocal Leaders: Jamie De Geer & Doug Smith

Musician: Marcus De Geer

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