

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE *I Will Sing of My Redeemer – We Who Once Were Dead*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P: Blessed by the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, with love that lives forever.
C: **Amen.**
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For a word at the dawn of creation which spoke water and life into being.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For the river that carried Moses to safety, building a bridge between mothers and nations.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
P: For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
P: For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

HYMN *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

v. 1,2,4,5

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- 1 **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
- 2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**
- 4 **Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**
- 5 **Christ is alive! And comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM: ACTS 7:55-60

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.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

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

C: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

C: for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

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

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

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 14:1-14

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

[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 OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON Intern Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

- 1 You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee;
All those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
- 2 You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind and purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
And those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE — *The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.*

GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY —GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God,

C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: *Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

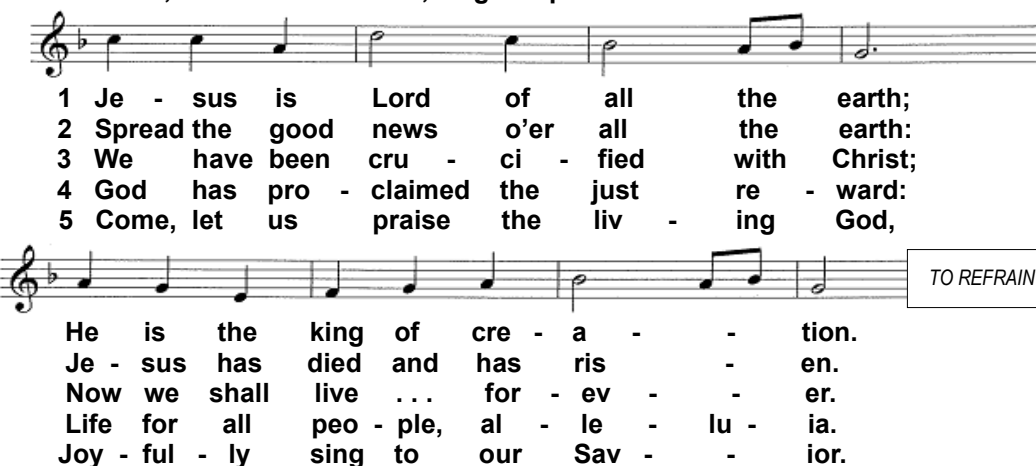
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REFRAIN



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the risen Lord; al-le
lu - ia, al - le - u - ia, give praise to his name.

VERSES



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,
He is the king of cre - a - - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - - en.
Now we shall live ... for - ev - - er.
Life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - - ior.

TO REFRAIN

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you
by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

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¹ **Praise to you, O God of mercy: Thanks be to you forever!**
Raising high the weak and lowly: Thanks be to you forever!

² **From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you forever!**
Truth and justice you have taught us: Thanks be to you forever!

BRIDGE **Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,**
Rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

³ **Praise to you, O God of mercy: Thanks be to you forever!**
Raising high the weak and lowly: Thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Shout to the Lord*

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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN/MAY 7	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	4-7 PM	PREP Caramel Rolls
	6:30 PM	Caramel Roll PICK UP
	7 PM	AA
MON/MAY 8	1:30 PM	Literary Guild
WED/MAY 10	6 PM	WORSHIP
THU/MAY 11	1:00 PM	LOVE DAY
	5:30 PM	Worship/Evangelism
	7 PM	AA
SAT/MAY 13	2-4 PM	Caramel Roll PICK UP
SUN/MAY 14	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-Streamed – <i>Senior Recognition</i>
	9:45-11	Caramel Roll PICK UP
	10 AM	Sunday School
	7 PM	AA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCY: Enjoy Coffee Treats **Sunday May 7** - Courtesy of Marcy Kvitem who is turning 100 on May 10th. (She will remain at home on the farm.) Cards & emails welcome (no presents). Open to visitors at her home--Sun/May 7 afternoon & evening, or anytime Mon/May 8 or Tues/May 9. May 10th will be private for the family.

CARAMEL ROLLS: The response to the youth fundraiser is wonderful! Thank you for supporting the youth. We have added a pickup for Sunday May 7, as we worry we don't have enough freezer space for all the orders! Pick-up Times: *Sunday, May 7, 6:30-7:00 pm. *Saturday May 13, 2-4 pm. *Sunday May 14- 9:45-11 am.