



MAY 2, 2021

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Meditation in A minor*

J. Turner

CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVE*)

People of God, let us gather  
to worship and praise God's name.

**I give thanks to you, O God,  
with my whole heart.**

**I will glorify your name forever!**

For great is your steadfast love for me.

**You have delivered my soul from the depths.**

God says, "Know that I am with you and  
will keep you wherever you go."

*PSALM 86:12*

*PSALM 86:13*

HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's mercy,  
let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other  
those ways we fall short from what God  
intends for us.

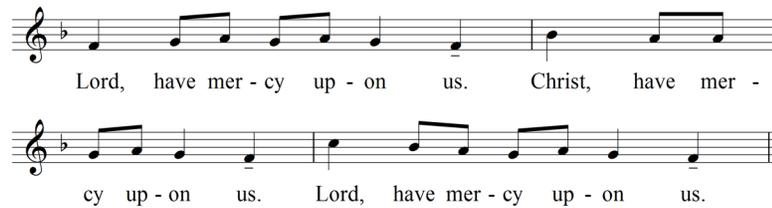
*ROMANS 3:23*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*UNISON*)

**Holy One, we confess to you and to each other  
that we are tired and weighed down  
by the mistakes we have made,  
even in our closest relationships  
with our friends, our spouses, and our partners.  
We give this burden to you,  
mindful of Jesus' promise that  
he will give us rest.  
We trust in you. Amen.**

*MATTHEW 11:28*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer -  
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear the good news of our faith:  
God is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
showing compassion to all.  
Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy  
and share our peace with one another.

*PSALM 145:8-9*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Alisa Secrest

**ANTHEM**

*Ave verum corpus, K.618*

W.A. Mozart

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*GENESIS 28:10-17*

**SERMON**

*ON HOLY GROUND*

Steve Hancock

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*RESPONSIVE*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

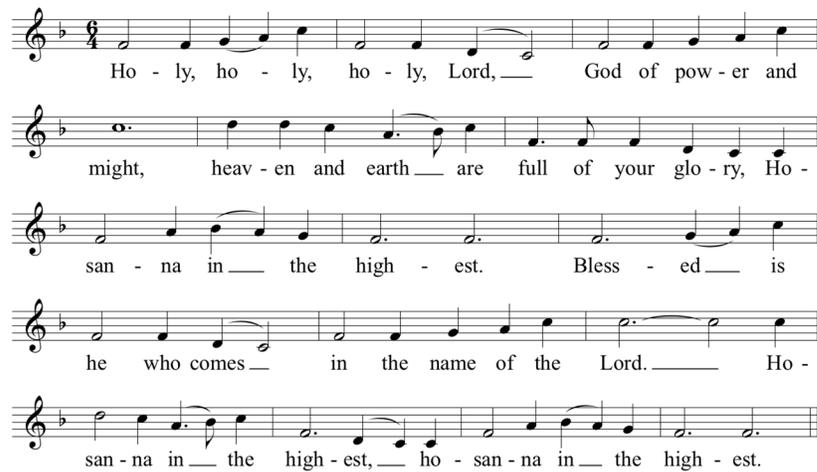
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made  
and spun on its course among the planets.

Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth  
and set us among all your creatures  
to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you  
 you kept faith with us,  
 your love remained steadfast.  
 You spoke of love and justice in the prophets,  
 and in the Word made flesh you lived among us,  
 manifesting your glory.  
 He died that we might live  
 and is risen to raise us to new life.  
 Therefore we praise you,  
 joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place,  
 who forever sing to the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
 we take this bread and this cup  
 from the gifts you have given us  
 and celebrate with joy  
 the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.  
 Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
 as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
 that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God,  
 pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
 that the bread we break  
 and the cup we bless  
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
 By your Spirit make us one with Christ  
 that we may be one with all who share this feast,  
 united in ministry in every place.  
 As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
 send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*UNISON*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Sarabande*

G. Near

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING**

**HYMN**

*God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

J. Rutter

**POSTLUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. J. Purifoy

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Steve Hancock

Alisa Secrest

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Dr. Bevan Keating

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