

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Today's worship is online only)

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus Silesian Folk Melody
Rickie Cooke, euphonium; Susan Steppe, piano arr. Richard S. Willis

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Lauda Anima

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life: Form the minds of your faithful people into a single will, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, and so share the risen life of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,**
not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

Unison

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me quickly.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

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

Gospel

John 14:1-7

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 485

To God Be the Glory

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The congregation sits.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Sermon

Presuming to Be Living Stones

Mike Krech

“Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals, yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.” 1 Peter 2:4-5a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 418

God Bless Your Church with Strength

Diademata

Apostles’ Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria for Easter Season

Refrain of Hymn 122

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace

Hymn tune: Salvation; Kentucky Harmony, 1815; arr. J. Breazeale

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Regent Square

Postlude

Nun Danket Alle Gott

arr. A. Travis

Today is the fifth Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day through Pentecost (April 12 – May 31, 2020). We celebrate this joyful season of the resurrection through hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession. It has long been common to omit confession of sin during the Easter season as an expression of the absolute victory over sin won for us by the risen Lord. Another practice in Easter season is reading the first lesson from the Book of Acts. This fifth book of the New Testament, written by Luke, author of the third Gospel, records the spread of faith in the risen Christ. In these final Sundays of Easter, the Gospel readings shift back to Jesus’ words to the disciples in the Upper Room. As Easter season moves toward the Ascension of Christ into heaven, Jesus’ words to the disciples about his departure and the promises of the coming Holy Spirit, of Christ’s intercession for us, and of eternal life with God, are fitting subjects for our worship. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship – May 10, 2020

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

(Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt; Tune: Lauda Anima, John Goss, 1869)

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Repeat Refrain

(Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875;
tune: To God Be the Glory, William Howard Doane, 1875)

God Bless Your Church with Strength!

God bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
Upbuild Your servants as we work In common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith To venture and to soar
Through open skies to sing the praise Of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, Abundantly alive.
From You, one holy vine, In freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.

God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light A pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim, And kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk, Assured our God is there!

(Text: John A. Dalles, 1984; Tune: Diademata, George Job Elvey, 1868)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls always.

Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,
And here-after in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.

(Text: 7th century Latin, Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972;
Tune: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart, 1867)