

April 28, 2024 –Fifth Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks Refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the king of creation. *Refrain*
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
3. We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
4. God has proclaimed the just reward: life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain*
5. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is the water of life!**
Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is the water of life!**
Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Alleluia!

Greeting

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

Kyrie

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading – 1 John 4:7-21 *God's love perfected in love for one another*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31 *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)*

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, **"The LORD has acted!"**

Gospel: John 15:1-8 *Christ the vine*

Before: The holy gospel according to **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn of the Day *Blessing, Honor, and Glory*

1. Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

2. Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb,
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of the People

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Giving Prayer

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

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.

Announcements

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!