



**SERVICE OF COMMUNION – SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN EASTER**

May 21, 2023

[P]=Pastor [A]=Assistant [R]=Reader [TFF]=This Far By Faith Hymnal \*=Stand if you are able

**OPENING**

**PRELUDE**

**\* BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit

[C] **Amen**

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen**

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[P] Most merciful God.

[C] **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**\* SHARING THE PEACE:**

[Pastor] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] **And also with you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness,  
what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:* Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*) safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*) leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

[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.**

**\*KYRIE**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

[P] Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: Praise Him**

[Congregation] **Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!**

**Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.**

**From the rising of the sun, until the going down of the same,**

**He's worthy! Jesus is worthy! He's worthy to be praised!**

**Glory! Glory! In all things give Him glory!**

**Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.**

**For God is our rock, hope of salvation; a strong deliverer, in Him I will always trust!**

**Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!**

**Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised. Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us  
with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your  
bountiful presence, 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: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were

gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **MUSICAL SELECTION :**

When I think of the goodness of Jesus and what He has done for me, my soul cries out “**Hallelujah!**”  
Praise God for saving me.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

[R] The Word of the Lord

[C] **Thanks Be to God**

### **\*ALLELUIA VERSE: HALLELUJAH**

[C] **Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. (Repeat)**

### **\*THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: St. John Chapter 17:1-11**

[C] **Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

**Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

[P] The Gospel of the Lord

[C] **Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

**Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

#### **SERMON HYMN – Lift Him Up**

How to reach the masses, those of ev'ry birth, for an answer Jesus gave a key:

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to me.”

*(Refrain) Lift him up, lift him up. Still he speaks from eternity: “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to me.”*

Oh, the world is hungry for the living bread; lift the Savior up for them to see.  
Trust him, and do not doubt the words that he said; “I’ll draw all people to me.” *(Refrain)*

Lift him up by living as a Christian ought; let the world in you the Savior see.  
Then all will gladly follow him who once taught: “I’ll draw all people to me.” *(Refrain)*

#### **\* THE APOSTLES CREED**

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**[Congregation] 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 OF THE CHURCH**

##### **OFFERING**

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshipping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary.

##### **ANTHEM: If It Had Not Been For The Lord On My Side**

If It Had, Not, Been For The Lord, On My Side Tell Me Where Would I Be? Where Would I Be?

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If It Had, Not, Been For The Lord, On My Side Tell Me Where Would I Be? Where Would I Be?

He Kept My Enemies Away He Let The Sun Shine Though A Cloudy Day

Oh, He Wraps Me In The Cradle Of His Arms When He Knew I'd Been Battered And scarred,

So If It Had, Not, Been For The Lord, On My Side Tell Me Where Would I Be? Where would I be?

##### **\* OFFERTORY:**

**[C] God Has Smiled On Me -God has smiled on me. He has set me free. God has smiled on me. He's been good to me. (Repeat)**

##### **\* OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

[C] Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **MEAL**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

[P] May the Risen Lord, who knows us be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts to the One who will not leave you alone

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

[P] It is indeed ....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord , God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

#### **EUCCHARISTIC 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. Amen**

[P] Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

#### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:**

##### **COMMUNION**

**Lamb Of God**

**Here Is Bread**

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us

Break The Bread, Drink The Wine Christ Is With Us Here

*Refrain: In This Bread There Is Healing In This Cup Is Life Forever In This Moment,  
By The Spirit Christ Is With Us Here*

Here Is Grace, Here Is Peace Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us Know His Grace,

Find His Peace Feast On Jesus Here. *Refrain:*

Here We Are, Joined In One Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us

We'll Proclaim, Till He Comes Jesus Crucified. *Refrain:*

[P] Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: He Is Lord**

**He is Lord! He Is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**SENDING**

**PRAYER**

[A] Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

[C] **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN – Take My Life**

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain:*

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. *Refrain:*

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain:*

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. *Refrain:*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The spring semi-annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023 following the worship service.**

**MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus**

**DISMISSAL**

[P] Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

[C] **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**