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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 15, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist:**

Rite Two Prayer A

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE: Jesus Loves Me

by Brenda Portman

## ENTRANCE HYMN *Awake, arise, lift up your voice (Richmond) (H 212)*

### VERSES 1-3



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in



1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -  
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to



1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.  
2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION ( p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY ( p. 355)

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

*Please turn to Hymn 243 in the Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Val Valverde

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## **PSALM: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights  
<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**  
<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the Name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.  
<sup>6</sup>**He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**  
<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and wingèd birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**Young men and maidens, old and young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,**  
ALL: the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

Betsy Daniell

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)* (H 487)**

*All stand.*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

**GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.<sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON – The Rev. Tim Black**

## **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lisa Norton-Rotella

*All remain standing.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”[For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city College Park, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. We pray today for: \_\_\_\_\_

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. We pray today for: \_\_\_\_\_

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of Blessed Mary, Blessed John and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*Priest:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE ( p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord! We enjoy "passing the peace" at St. John's and we take our time doing it. Say hello to someone you do not know. Let us know who you are if you are visiting by signing the guest register in the Narthex (back lobby) of the church.*

*We are one in the bond of love  
We are one in the bond of love  
We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God  
We are one in the bond of love*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

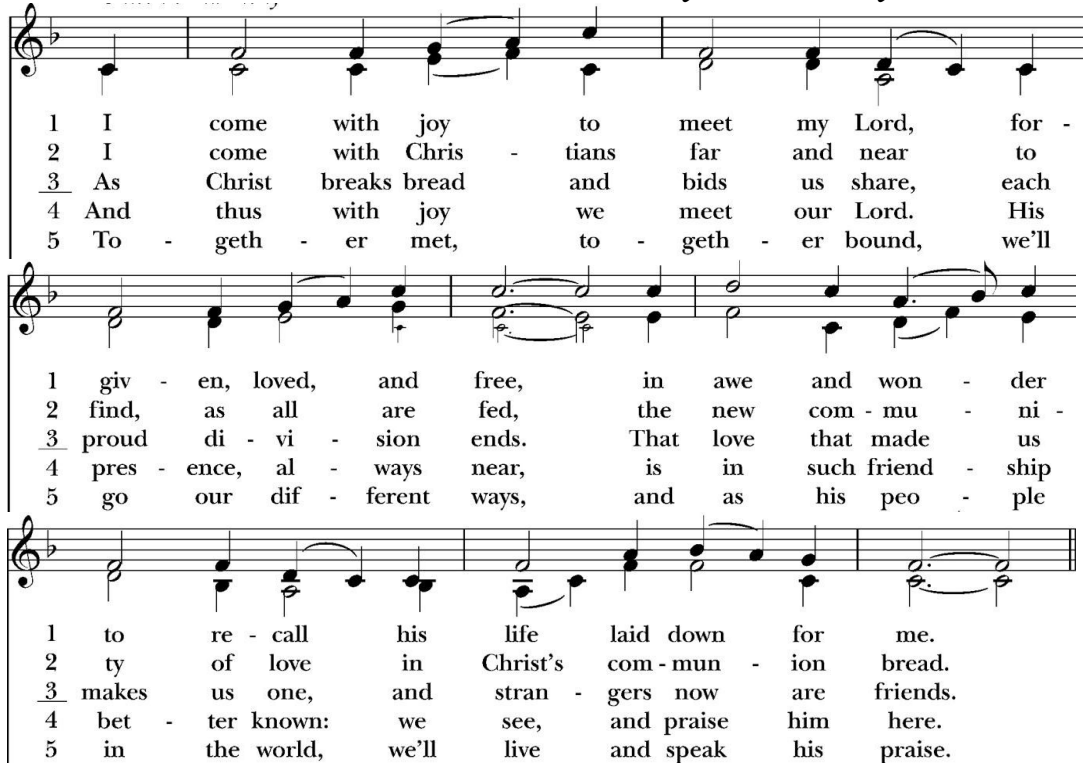
## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.  
*Psalm 50:14*

### OFFERTORY HYMN - *I Come with Joy To Meet My Lord- H-302*

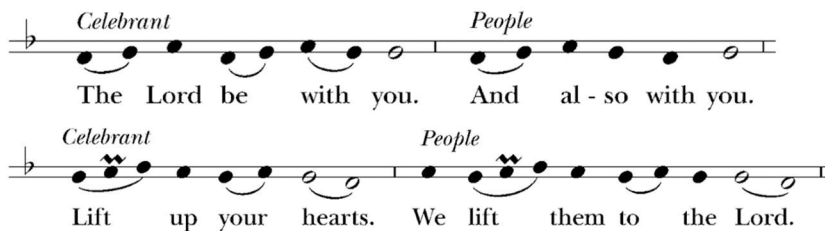


1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER ( p. 363)**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM ( p. 364)**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's Table.

### **DISTRIBUTION ( p. 365)**

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

### **COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* (LEVAS 152)**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ( p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* (LEVAS 62)**

1. In Christ there is no East or West, In  
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their  
 3. Join hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What  
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In

1. Him no South or North; But one great fel - low -  
 2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the  
 3. e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 4. Him meet South and North; All Christ - ly souls are

1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.  
 3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 4. one in him Through out the whole wide earth.

**DISMISSAL ( p. 366)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE: Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** William B. Bradbury

Assisting with the service today

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