

10:00am Sunday, May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Flowers given in thanksgiving for Faye Huey and Marlene Trambley.

**ENTRANCE HYMN *Jerusalem, my happy home (Land of Rest) (H 620)***

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's  
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.  
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### **READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>9</sup>I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

### **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures \***  
**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; \***

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

### **GOSPEL: John 10:22-30**

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

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **THE SERMON**

#### **THE CREED**

**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**

With all our heart, mind, soul and strength, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy.”

For the church and all its ministers, and for St. John’s and its mission and ministry, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and all those in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace throughout the world, an end to all terrorism and violence, and peace in Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those from our families and community, and for all first responders, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those infected with or at risk from the COVID virus, and for all health care and other front-line workers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for refugees, prisoners and captives, for victims of natural disasters, and for all who have asked for our prayers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

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

## The Holy Communion

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY HYMN *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (St. Agnes) (H 343)***

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

### OFFERING DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise him, all creatures here below.  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host.  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **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, Father Almighty, 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, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN *Bread of life* (VF 80)

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*Refrain: Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death,  
as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise  
to return again.

The bread we break and share  
was scattered once as grain:  
just as now it is gathered,  
make your people one.

We eat this living bread,  
we drink this saving cup;  
sign of hope in our broken world,  
source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity,  
in love for all to see:  
that the world may believe in you,  
God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace,  
you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people,  
poured in endless love.



**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
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**

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

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

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)* (H 473)**

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - umphant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.