

May 15, 2022 5th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

**Let praise to God fill the earth!**

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

**Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**

Open your hearts and spirits today.

**Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.**

*(all sing)* "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" vs 1 **(Red Book) No. 369**

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians hasten on your way;*

*Alleluia! offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! at the paschal victim's feet.*

*Alleluia!*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus' words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

*(all sing)* "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" vs 2 **(Red Book) No. 369**

*For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! sinless in the sinner's stead.*

*Alleluia! Christ the Lord has ris'n on high; Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*

Wherever you are, Christ is with you. You are beloved of God and God's care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice! **Amen.**

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 148 (*Pew Bible Page No. 508*)

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(*all sing*) "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done." vs 1 (**Red Book**) No. 366

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Holy Gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL John 13: 31-35 (*Pew Bible Page No. 877*)

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## MESSAGE

SONG (*all sing*) "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (**Red Book**) No. 377

- 1) *Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!*
- 2) *Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory; Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.*
- 3) *Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.*
- 4) *Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent; death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.*
- 5) *City of God. Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and arch angels, sing with creation to God the I AM!*

*Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Gove God the glory! Alleluia!*

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

**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 PEOPLE    God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

#### THE 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

Lord of mercy, be with us as we go from this place today. Fill our lives with your love. Help us to bring the good news of hope and peace wherever we go. Let us truly be people of the Resurrection - the Easter people! Amen.

*(all sing)* "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" vs 1 & 5 **(Red Book) No. 389**

*1) Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*5) Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE