

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Opening Bells and lighting of the candles

Pastor: He is Risen!

People: He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Song – “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

CHORUS

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

CHORUS

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
“My God, how great You are!”

CHORUS #2

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great You are! How great You are!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great You are! How great You are!*

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Invocation:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Collect of the Day:

Pastor: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2, 51-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

The Apostles' Creed (Spoken together)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen**

Sermon Hymn – “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Sermon : “Beyond mere words” – John 14:1

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer(Spoken together)

**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.**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you peace.

All: Amen

Closing Song – “Glory to God Forever”

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,
You were the King of kings yeah, You were, yeah You were!
And now, You're reigning still, enthroned above all things;
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing:

CHORUS

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God forever!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God forever!*

Creator, God, You gave me breath, so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days, all my days!
So, let my whole life be a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King!

CHORUS

Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours. Take my life, and let it be
All for You, and for Your glory; take my life and let it be Yours.

CHORUS (2X)

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