

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE



ARE MANY ROOMS
AND I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Warrenton Virginia
10 May 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

ORGAN PRELUDE

Let the Spirit prepare your heart for worship.

INVOCATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The presiding minister may comment briefly on the service of the day, and then invite all to confession.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through

the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

INTROIT

Cantate Domino

Ps 98 Tone vi

Sing to the Lord a new song, al-le- lu-ia; * for the Lord has accomplished wondrous deeds, al- le- lu-ia; he has revealed his just-ice in the sight of the Gentiles, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

His right hand and his holy arm * have brought salvation.

He has remembered his merciful love * and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen * the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; † break forth into joyous song, * and sing out your praise.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the sound of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, * raise a shout before the King, the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost * As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Revelation 5:12,1,6

Refrain

Assisting minister

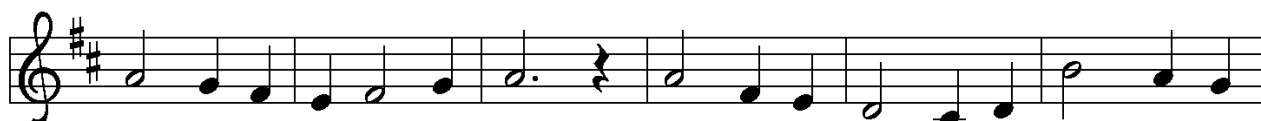


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

WORD

We hear and respond to God's Word

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

*"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"*

⁸and

*"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."*

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰*Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.*

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel in the words of John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and

*I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life.*

you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



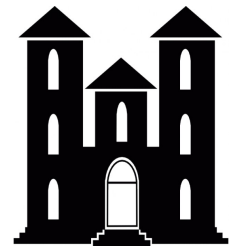
"In My Father's House," by Irving Amen (1918-2011)

Stanzas 1, 4 & 7

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

He Lives
MY MANSION
to Prepare



THE NICENE 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Lifted up by the promise of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places, praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Build us up, O God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Bless your church throughout the world, including the our partners in the the Virginia Synod, at Good Shepherd and in the other churches of Papua New Guinea. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach us to walk in the path of love, O God. We pray for the poor and hungry, those displaced by war, poverty and crime; and for countries, leaders, and other organizations offering them refuge and safety, including for Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Heal the sick, O God, including those affected by COVID-19, by Parkinson's Disease, by all weaknesses of body, mind and spirit. Be with those among us who suffer, especially (*names*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, you have called into your brilliant light all who have died, including (*names*). Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

P Let us offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions -- signs of God's gracious love.

Gifts are received for the church's mission. If you are at home, please consider a donation by mail or online at our website.

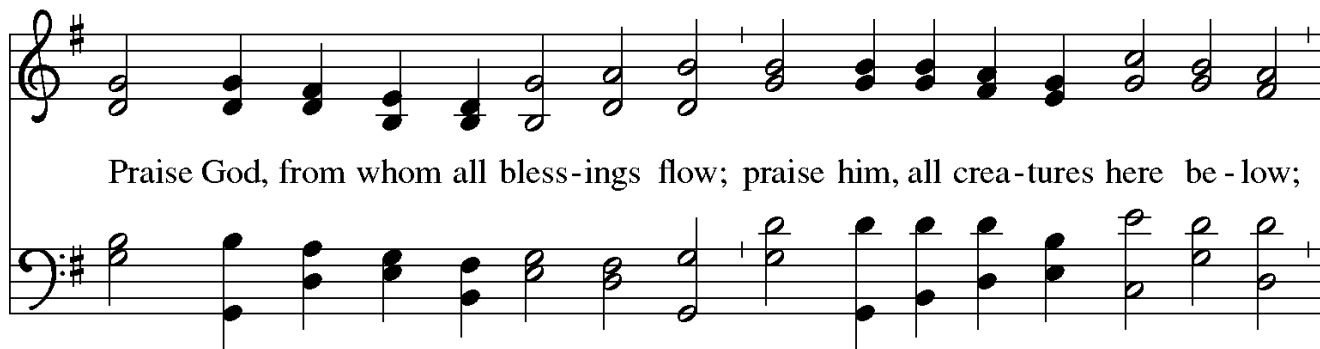


*"The Offering"
by Abbott Fuller
Graves (1859-
1936)*

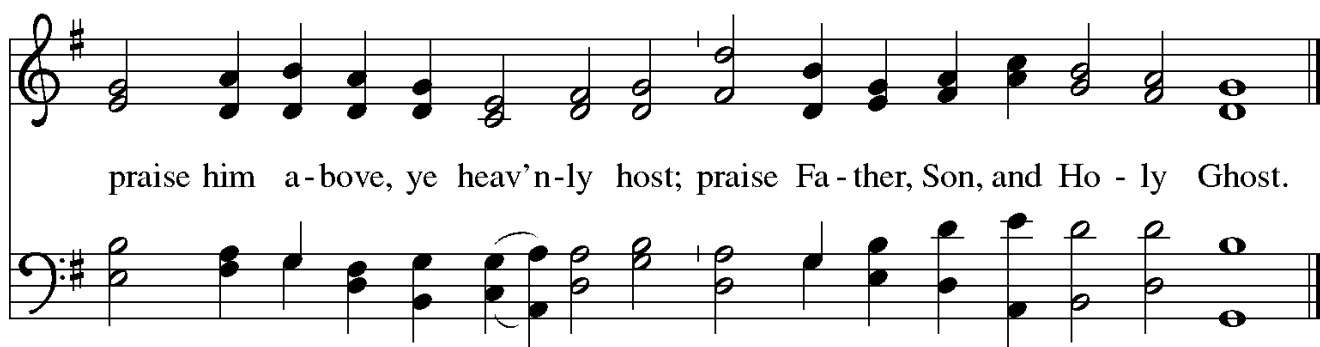
OFFERTORY PROCESSION

The gifts are brought forward to support the work of the church.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;



praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.



A - men.



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Lord God, by this sacred exchange of gifts, you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.



DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Sung by the presiding minister

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself

to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,

and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the

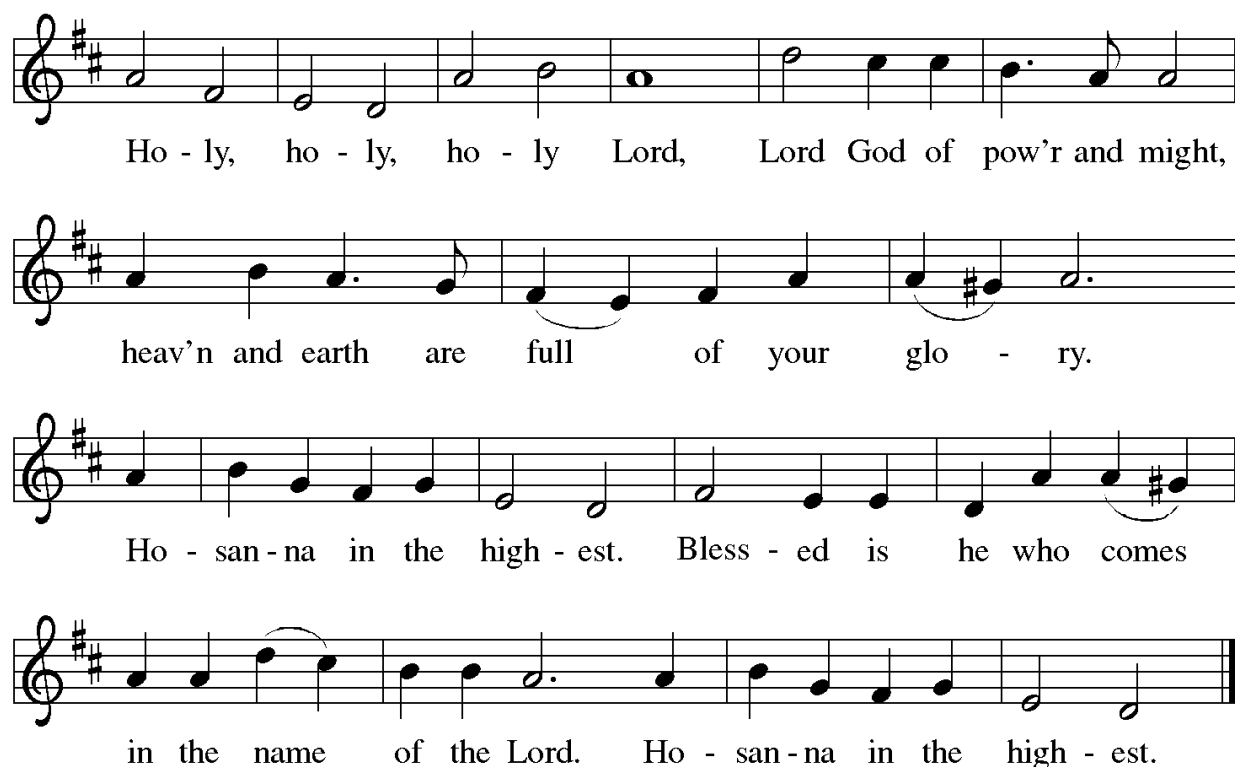
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,

and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3 & Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Led by the presiding minister

We give God thanks for this meal, recall God's saving deeds, and call the Holy Spirit to be present as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the
waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.
We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.
In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen

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.**

The presiding minister invites the assembly to the table in the words of 1 Corinthians 5:7:

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who cannot be present in body may offer this prayer, and trust that Christ is with them in faith and love.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in Holy Communion, according to your promise. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you in the sacrament, come to my heart in the spirit. I embrace you now as if you were here, and unite myself wholly to you. Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

As the Minister gives the bread and wine, he or she says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Church of England

A Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

C Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Assisting Minister dismisses the assembly:

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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