

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, as you are able.*

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

**C** **Amen**

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C** **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**P** Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C** **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**P** To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

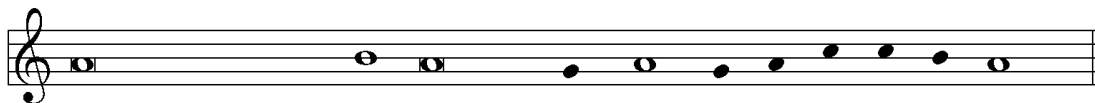
**GATHERING HYMN** [ELW#556 "Morning Has Broken"](#)

**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.**



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



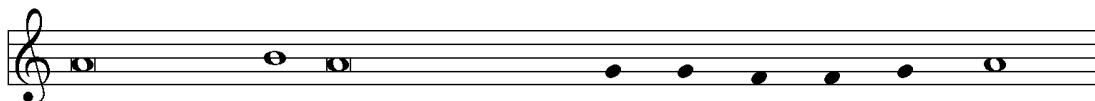
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



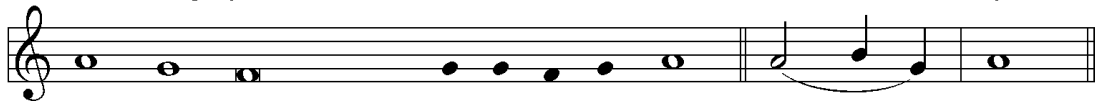
**C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** **A - men**

HYMN OF PRAISE: [Glory to God in the Highest](#)



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **ACTS 18:1-4**

**L** A reading from Acts: <sup>1</sup>Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18**

**L** A reading from 1 Corinthians: <sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>I

did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** [ELW#377 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"](#)

**SERMON:** ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

*Please stand, as you are able.*

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

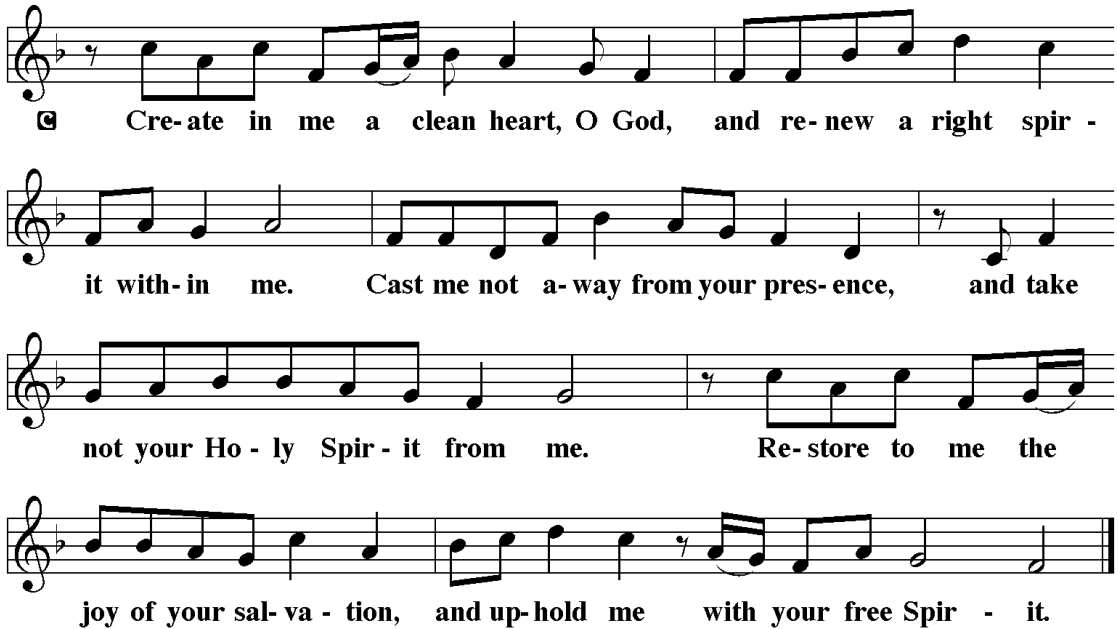
C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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**

**OFFERING\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

- L Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

- L We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**
- L For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering, especially Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, MaKenzie Snyder, the Spiegler family, Tom, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and, at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** [ELW#656 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Wednesday, 8 May 2024 at 7 pm, [Estate Planning Lecture](#)
- Sunday, 16 June 2024, Outdoor Worship
- Sunday, 14 July 2024, Outdoor Worship
- Sunday, 11 August 2024, Outdoor Worship

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### Upcoming Narrative Lectionary Texts

May 5	6 Easter	1 Cor 13:1-13
May 12	7 Easter	1 Cor 15:1-26, 51-57
May 19	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor 12:1-13



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