

05/02/2021

Sunday: Easter 5, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

For you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation

My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

And all the families of the nations shall worship you, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Ruler of nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow down before you. You bring pride to the humble, and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable you challenge and chasten. As your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love, for we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

*HYMN: I Danced in the Morning (157)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

*PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Moved by the Spirit

POST-SERMON PRAYER

*HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (475)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

ANTHEM:

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of you glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the

highest.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

. . . Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together (525)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

*POSTLUDE

*- those who can stand are invited to stand