

May 22, 2022 9:00am Easter VI

# **Order for Worship**

#### **Prelude**

# Welcome and Preparation for Worship



# **Call to Worship**

Sing praises to the Lord. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad. Let all creation magnify His holy name!

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! Come let us adore Him!

# **Song of Praise**

"10,000 Reasons"

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

# Psalm Reading - Psalm 65:1–5

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion; **to You our vows will be fulfilled.** 

<sup>2</sup>O You who hear prayer, **to You all men will come.** 

<sup>3</sup>When we were overwhelmed by sins, **You forgave our transgressions.** 

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those You choose and bring near to live in Your courts!

We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup>You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

# Song of Praise



# **Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# First Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

(please be seated)

<sup>12</sup>But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup>More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Second Reading - Matthew 28:11–15

<sup>11</sup>While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. <sup>12</sup>When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, <sup>13</sup>telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup>If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup>So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon - The Rev. Patrick Cunningham

The Empty Tomb

The Apostles Creed (please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

(please sit or kneel)

Father, thank You for Your great love for us and for hearing Your people when we pray. Please help every member of Your Church family to truly know and humbly serve You: **That Your Name may be known and glorified by all people.** 

We pray for Archbishop Foley Beach, Bishop John Guernsey, and for leaders and ministers in the Church: **That we may be faithful ministers of the Gospel and humble servants of Your people.** 

We pray for Shepherd's Heart Anglican Church in Fairfax, VA, Southside Richmond Mission in Richmond, VA, and Valley Presbyterian Church in Lutherville, MD: **That You would guide, strengthen, and sustain the churches in our diocese and in Baltimore.** 

We pray for the work of our ministry partners: Rise Church plant in Portland, ME, and At Jacob's Well; That You would equip and bless them to fulfill their mission, serve Your people, and build Your kingdom.

We pray for our President, Congress, Governor, and all who hold authority in the nations of the world: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** 

We pray for all those who promote the common good of our nation, including those who serve in the military, in public safety, education, government, healthcare, and the arts; **That they would be empowered, protected, and sustained in their calling and work.** 

We pray for all who are poor in spirit, for the sick and those in need; **That You would heal and deliver them from their distress.** 

We pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith; **That You would sustain them by Your Holy Spirit and give them strength, joy, and perseverance.** 

Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others, and give thanks for the blessings of this life.

Those present in the sanctuary are asked to offer prayers silently or aloud.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of Your people, and strengthen us to do Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, beginning with silent, personal confession.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. Grant us, O merciful Father, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **Absolution and Peace**

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

(please stand)

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

# Offertory

**Doxology** (please stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also 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 Him thanks and praise.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

(please sit or kneel)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life we have through faith in Him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ: By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 Breaking of the Bread

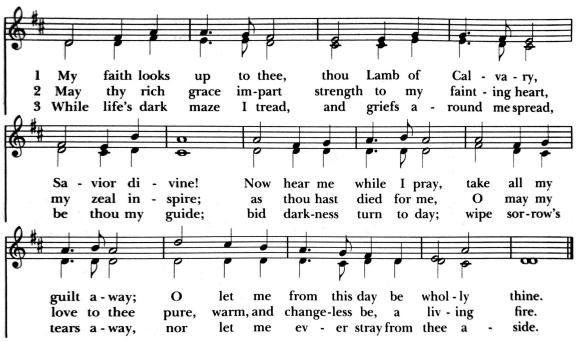
Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

# Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Music**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"





### **Post Communion Prayer**

(please stand)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Blessing

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

# **Closing Hymn**



Words: The Book of Psalms, 1871

Music: Christian E. Witt; adapt. Henry Gauntlett

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **Postlude**