



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025  
11:00 am



*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

# Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

"Lead On O King Eternal" ..... Ron Mallory  
Resounding Joy

### (stand) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**P** In the name of ✠ the One,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C** Amen.

**P** Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

**P** Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C** make us one as you are one.

**P** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C** make us one as you are one.

- P** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C** **make us one as you are one.**
- P** Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
- C** **Amen.**

*(stand)* **OPENING SONG**

**"He Lives" ..... Anthony Skinner | Chris McClarney**

**See the tomb where He laid  
See the stone rolled away  
He is risen He is risen He's alive  
See His hands see His feet  
Touch His scars and believe  
He is risen He is risen He's alive  
Oh He's alive**

**He lives  
All honor and power are His  
All glory forever amen  
Jesus (lives)**

**Hear the shackles breaking free  
Hear the song of the redeemed  
He is moving He is moving He's alive  
So take this freedom take this love  
Can you feel it rising up  
He is here He is here He's alive**

**He lives  
All honor and power are His  
All glory forever amen  
Jesus lives  
He lives  
All honor and power are His  
All glory forever amen  
Jesus (lives)**

**You took all our shame  
Left it in the grave  
We're forgiven we're forgiven  
The work forever done  
Only by the blood  
It is finished it is finished  
You took all our shame  
Left it in the grave  
We're forgiven we're forgiven  
The work forever done**



**Only by the blood  
It is finished it is finished**

**He lives  
All honor and power are His  
All glory forever amen  
Jesus (lives)  
He lives  
All honor and power are His  
All glory forever amen  
Jesus (lives)**

**He is risen He is risen He's alive**

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*(stand)* **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.**

*(stand)* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray...  
O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

(sit)

**FIRST READING ..... Revelation 21:1-6**

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

**A**

Word of God, word of life.

**C**

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S TALK**

(stand)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives all fear is gone**

**Because I know He holds the future**

**And life is worth the living just because He lives**

(stand) **GOSPEL READING ..... John 13:31-35**

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) **SERMON ..... Pastor Katie Christie**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"I Love to Tell the Story" ..... ELW 661**

I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story,  
Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story;  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word.  
I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story;  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and His love.



*(stand)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**P** God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. 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.

*(stand)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Silence for reflection.*

*Each petition will close with the words: "Hear us, O God."*

*The response is "Your mercy is great."*

**P**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C**

**Amen.**

## PEACE

**P**

The peace of our Lord be with you always.

**C**

**And also with you.**

*(sit)*

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**P**

Let us pray. Risen One,

**C**

**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.**

**Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
Amen.**

*(stand)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P**

The Lord be with you.

**C**

**And also with you.**

**P**

Lift up your hearts.

**C**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**P**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

### (sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**"Laudation"..... Brenda Austin**  
**Resounding Joy**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** **Amen!**

### (stand) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Let us pray...  
Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell the story of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.
- C** **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

- P** The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always,
- G** Amen.

## **SENDING HYMN**

**“Story to Tell” ..... April Cushman | Hank Bentley**

**Our God has been faithful to all generations  
We’ve all got a story to tell  
Stories of rescue rebirth and redemption  
We’ve all got a story to tell**

**If He’s been faithful  
If He’s been good  
Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah  
If He’s been able  
When no one else could  
Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah**

**Let the redeemed of the Lord lift their voices  
Remember the things He has done  
We’ve heard from our fathers  
And we’ll tell our children  
The wonderful things He has done**

**If He’s been faithful  
If He’s been good  
Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah  
If He’s been able  
When no one else could  
Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah**

**He is good  
His love endures  
Now and for eternity  
Oh He is good**



**His love endures  
Our history and our legacy is**

**He is good  
His love endures  
Now and for eternity  
Oh He is good  
His love endures  
Our history and our legacy is**

**He has been faithful  
He has been good  
Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah  
He has been able  
When no one else could  
Lift hallelujah sing hallelujah**

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## **DISMISSAL**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** In Christ you are made new.  
Go in peace to share the story of God's love. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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