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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 7, 2023**

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation"

WELCOME AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB #549

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball**

To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, as if Jesus were standing here and speaking these words, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM (146) OF THE DAY (*I will praise the Lord all my life*)

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth,

C: The sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

P: Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

C: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

P: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

GLORIA PATRI

(Sing) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. A-men.**

KYRIE

(Sing) **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: (Sing) **Glory be to God on high.**

C: And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *(Sing)* Amen**

FIRST LESSON Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60 *(Stephen, deacon and first martyr)*

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10 (*We are a chosen race, a holy nation*)

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

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

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

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, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 14: 1 – 14 (*Jesus, the Way, Truth, and Life*)

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: (*Sing*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to

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 had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(Sing)*. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made,**

**Being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
And ascended into heaven**

**And sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen. *(Please be seated)***

HYMN OF THE DAY “You Are the Way; through You Alone” LSB #526

**You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.**

**You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.**

**You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu’ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.**

**You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.**

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SERMON “When There’s Worry or Doubt....Home Sweet Home” John 14:1-6
(Sermon outline is found on the back page of today’s bulletin)

OFFERING *(As joyful givers, we clap for the offering)*

OFFERTORY “Cornerstone”
Carolyn Paschal, Soloist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing)* And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (Sing) We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: (Sing) It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

C: (Sing)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI (*Peace of the Lord*)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (Sing) A-men.

AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*) (*Sing*)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Song of Simeon*) (*Sing*)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,**

Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good,

C: And his mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray.....

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

C: (Sing) Amen, Amen, A-men.

CLOSING HYMN “Christ Be My Leader” LSB #861

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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POSTLUDE “Standing On the Promises”