

Music During Communion

Nearer, My God, to Thee Lowell Mason (1792-1872), Arr. Susan W. Henry

Post-Communion Cantic ~ LBW p. 92 *Thank the Lord and sing his praise*

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

(In the final part of our liturgy, we are sent out as evangelists into the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.)

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 94

(We stay standing as the assistant minister offers a prayer of thanksgiving and petition that God will grant us faith to love our neighbor. The pastor then extends God’s blessing across us and our lives.)

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #133 *Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!*

JESUS, MINE ZUVERSICHT

(We stay standing and sing. As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God’s word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.)

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Improvisation on *Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!*

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, May 12 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Special Congregational Meeting in the Parsonage

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Jimmy Paz, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Matthew Scott

Assisting Minister

Edward Scott

Server/ Crucifer

Alister McClanahan

Acolyte

Clint Pustejovsky, David Hokanson

Usher

Dorah Mushi, Eric Olson

Altar Guild

Jimmy Paz

Choir Director

Mario Aschauer

Organist

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Liturgist, Preacher



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 5, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude.

Organ Prelude

Improvisation on *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, p. 77 (stand)

Welcome and Announcements

Children’s Sermon

(Children are invited forward for a message just for them. After the message, they can go next door to the nursery with Mrs. Bella.)

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit (Choir)

Tempus Paschale: Hebdomada 6: Vocem iucunditatis

Ant. The voice of joy declare, and let it be heard, alleluia: declare it even unto the extremities of the earth: delivered the Lord hath the people of Him, alleluia, alleluia. (Isaiah 48:20)

V. Shout with joy to God all the earth: a psalm sing ye to the name of Him, give glory to the name of Him. (Psalm 65:1-2)

(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir sings. “Introit” means “to enter.” Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #364 *Son of God, Eternal Savior* IN BABILONE

(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 78

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 81 *This is the Feast*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 22

Pastor: Let us pray ...

Congregation: Amen.

(Be seated.)

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word.)

First Lesson ~ Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 98



¹ Sing to the Lord | a new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things.

² **With his right hand and his | holy arm***
has he won for him- | self the victory.

³ The Lord has made | known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

⁴ **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;*
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁶ **Sing to the Lord | with the harp,***
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.

⁸ **Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,***
the lands and those who | dwell therein.

⁹ Let the rivers | clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to | judge the earth.

¹⁰ **In righteousness shall he | judge the world***
and the peo- | ples with equity.

Second Lesson ~ 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (choir only) The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”

Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (John 14:23)

The Gospel ~ John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #356 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts WALTON

The Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 84

Prayers of the People

(The assistant minister leads us in prayer for our church, the sick and suffering, our community, and the world. We place trust in our loving God, especially for places and situations beyond our control).

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response:)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Congregation: Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us as you are comfortable.)

Offertory

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies TUNE: Lux Prima, Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

(Be seated as ushers collect the offering and the choir sings. Having heard God’s word, we thus respond in faith and thanksgiving through this act.)

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW p. 86 Let the Vineyards

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

(Here, Christ comes to us in the sacrament or “sacred act” of the altar. We believe that God brings himself and his forgiveness to us “in, with, and under” the bread and the wine.)

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 88

(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 89

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 90

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 91

(Staying standing, we pray the prayer given by Christ himself.)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW Hymn #103 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

(We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)

Holy Communion

Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive Christ’s body and blood. As you come forward, form a semi-circle. There, we partake of the sacrament together with each other and the saints who have come before us. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The pastor will give you bread, which you can eat as soon as you get it. If you wish to dip the bread into the chalice or drink from the chalice, do not take a grape juice cup or an empty cup. If you take an empty cup, the Server will pour some wine into it. After drinking the wine, put the empty cup in a tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat, not back into the tray from which you took the empty cup.