

EASTER 5 SUNDAY

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

May 15, 2022

Piano Prelude: Valse in Ab, Op. 69. no. 1

Frederic Chopin

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

Silent Meditation

CALL TO WORSHIP:

In a world of 'us and them' Christ invites us to embrace.

In our lives where it is easier to exist in our own silos, in our Church that is too often characterized by division, in our world that so easily disregards those who look and act differently, we come to be reminded of what Christ's love asks of us.

Jesus said "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

We gather as those who yearn for deeper living, who are ready to question what it truly means to be disciples and love one another.

How do we love when loving is hard? How do we serve when ignorance is the norm? How do we engage in self-giving acts when justice seems futile?

Transform our hearts and minds, O God; show us the way to love in your new and powerful way.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn: Great God, your love has called us here

No. 226

1. Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,

though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

**2. We come with self-inflicted pains of
broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound
by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.**

**3. Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.**

**4. Then take the towel,
and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**5. Great God, in Christ you set us free,
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and to offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.**

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: A little child the Saviour came

words by William Robertson
to the tune "Angelus"

Scripture Readings: John 13:12-17; John 13:31-35

Scripture reader, Sharon Fischer

John 13:12-17

12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?' 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

John 13:31-35

³¹ When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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."³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon:

THE SUBTEXT IS LOVE

Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: I give you a new commandment

Peter Aston

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling**

No. 371

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Act of Baptizing & Blessing of Shael Weissman
(We invite you to join us outside as you are able)

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**