

The Order of Service: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Prelude *It is well with my soul*

arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold
Dr. Gukhui Han, Organ

Opening Acclamation *(people unmuted)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Kindle in our hearts, O God, Christ's flame of love that never ceases, that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine forever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. (*St. Columba*)

Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Hyfrydol

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Collect for Purity *(people muted)*

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.**

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading *Acts 7:55-60 (people muted)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Jesus is the Way*

Karen Crane

When all is lost, in Him we're found. Jesus is the Way, Jesus is the Way.
He plans our feet on solid ground. Jesus, He is the Way.
He is the Way, the Truth, the Life, leading us homeward ev'ry day
Keeping us ever in His sight. He is the way. Jesus, He is the Way.

We walk in peace, the Lord our guide. Jesus is the Way, Jesus is the Way.
Forever in His love abide. Jesus, He is the Way.
He is the Way, the Truth, the Life, leading us homeward ev'ry day
Keeping us ever in His sight. He is the Way. Jesus, He is the Way.

When troubles come, we will not fear. Jesus is the Way, Jesus is the Way.
We know the Lord is always near. Jesus, He is the Way.
When we have reached our journey's end, Jesus is the Way, Jesus is the Way
We'll spend eternity with our friend. Jesus, He is the Way.

He is the Way, the Truth, the Life, leading us homeward ev'ry day
Keeping us ever in His sight. Jesus is the Way. He is the Way!

The Gospel *John 14:1-14 (people muted)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Anthem *O Salutaris*

Edward Elgar

O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving victim,
Who opens the gate of heaven;
Hostile wars press,
Give strength, bear aid.*

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

*To the One and Threefold Lord
May there be eternal glory,
May he who gives life without end
To us may be grant in the Fatherland.
Amen.*

The Sermon *(people muted)*

The Rev. Nancy Frausto

Silence follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith *(people muted)*

**We believe in God
who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our understanding
and never kept within our dwelling places.**

**Our God is mystery
of divine and human, bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.**

**Our God is the wonder
of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.**

**We celebrate this God who leaps free of all boundaries in love,
stretching out beyond any barricades
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.**

(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)

Anthem *How Deep The Fathers Love For Us*

Stuart Townend
Blair Webb, soloist

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

The Prayers of the People

*(people muted; please hold down your space bar for the response: **Peace be with them.**)*

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader Risen Lord, you greeted all you met with a word of peace; give us your Spirit to pray for peace for all people.

For those infected with the novel Corona Virus, and for the medical professionals caring for them:
Peace be with them.

For those who have lost their jobs or have closed their businesses, and for those working in service jobs, public safety, and healthcare under often unsafe conditions:
Peace be with them.

For those suffering from anxiety and loneliness due to physical distancing:
Peace be with them.

For those who work at the centers of power and those who live on the margins:
Peace be with them.

For those overcome by war, violence, and degradation:
Peace be with them.

For those possessed by envy, rage, and hatred:
Peace be with them.

For those overwhelmed by stress, isolation, fear, illness, loss, and despair:
Peace be with them.

For those who desecrate the earth and those who cherish creation:
Peace be with them.

For those held down by sin and those lifted up by grace:
Peace be with them.

For those who have betrayed our trust and for those we have wronged:
Peace be with them.

For our friends and all who warm us with love:

Peace be with them.

For those who show God's love by caring for God's people and all creation:

Peace be with them.

For those who have died:

Peace be with them.

For those whose joys and concerns we now raise up in prayer and thanksgiving.

(please hold down your space bar to unmute yourself and add your prayers and thanksgivings)

For those we have named aloud and those we hold in our hearts:

Peace be with them.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *(people unmuted)*

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Blessing of the People

May the Creator bless you and keep you;

May the Beloved Compassion face you and have mercy upon you;

May eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to you and give you peace;

This day and always. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude *Sunshine in my soul*

arr. Mark Hayes
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano