THE WORD OF GOD

Hearing-assistance devices are available — simply request one from an usher.

GATHERING MUSIC O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem Marcel Dupré
Let us quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMNAL #194 Jesus Lives! ST ALBINES

COLLECT FOR PURITY
Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS
William Mathias

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be / put to / shame; *
deliver me / in your / right-eous-ness.
2 Incline your / ear to / me; *
make / haste to / mend me. *
3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my / cry and / my / strong hold; *
for the sake of your Name, / lead me / and / guide me.
4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for / me, *
and from / those who / would do me / harm; *
for the sake of your Name, / lead me / and / guide me.
5 Into your hands I com- / mend my / spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O / LORD, O / God of / truth.
6 My times are / in your / hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from / those who / would do me / harm; *
and in your / love and / kindness / save me." [slowing at end]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 2-10 (pew Bible, p. 1106)
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the hymn and Gospel procession.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Celebrant The Lord 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.

People Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 7: 55-60 (pew Bible, p. 1001)
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16 sung by all Jonathan Battishill

14 Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for / me, *
deliver me / in your / right-eous-ness.
2 Incline your / ear to / me; *
make / haste to / mend me; *
3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my / cry and / my / strong hold; *
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6 My times are / in your / hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from / those who / would do me / harm; *
and in your / love and / kindness / save me." [slowing at end]
THE HOLY COMMUNION
All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, you may indicate so by crossing your arms.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Hark! I hear the Harps Eternal
Traditional hymn, arr. Alice Parker
Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb! Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, Passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away. Hallelujah ...
Souls have crossed before me, stately, to that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah ...

PRESENTATION sung by all, standing if able LAST UNS ERFEUEN
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

All We lift up your hearts.

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

People God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

People At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All By your will they were created and have their being.

People From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill, but we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners.

People Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All By his blood, he reconciled us.

People By his wounds we are healed.

All Therefore we pray you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SACRAMENT & BENEDICTUS sung by all Wm. Mathias
The music is found at S-128 in the front section of the hymnal.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him …

All Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant God of our Parents and Prophets, God of Esther, Naomi, and Ruth; God of Samuel, Elijah, and Isaiah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes …

All … that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All AMEN.

LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

As our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, our Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All Break the bread, one cup.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymnal #487 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Hymnal #366 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Hymnal #51 We the Lord’s People
Hymnal #430 Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise

Send Forth Our Eucharistic Visitors (as applicable)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

FACTOR'S OFFICE

Post please stand as able for the closing hymns.

HYMNAL #432 O Praise Ye the Lord! LAUDATE DOMINUM

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary Gloria-Finale from “Magnificat” M Dupré

You are invited to listen to the voluntary in the choir stalls.

Today we pray with

Nancy, Lorne, Chase, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Glori, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Kirby, Christopher, Jacki, Russ, Scott, Galen, Gimmy, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Sandy, Norma, Ann, Mildred, and those you would add.

Altar Flowers

In thanksgiving for the lives of Clinton P. & June Schaeppi; Jeffrey W. Schaeppi.

Assisting in the Service

Celebrant The Reverend Jerei Weber-Johnson
Assisting Priest The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
Preacher The Reverend Barbara Mraz
Deacon The Reverend Margaret Thor
Altar Guild Terri Fishel, Caroline Kral, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sait, Jill Thompson
Adult Choir Jayson R. Engquist, Organist & Director
Handbell Choir
Acolytes Thea Bischof, Tessa Johnson, Maren Johnson, Aidan Schmidt
Readers Paige Hagstrom, Joan Potter
Verger Carole Selen
Ushers Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff, Sally Sand, Kevin Wall
Greeters Judy Stack, Jerry Woelfel & Becky Garthofner
Coffee Hour Jill & John Thompson

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