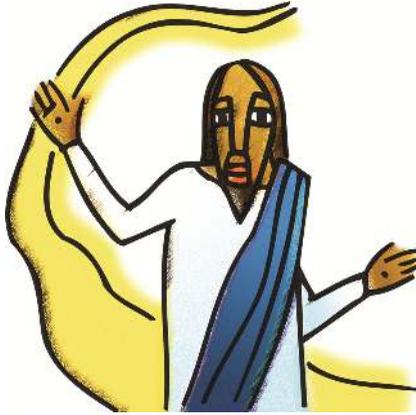


Memory Verse of the Week

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.*

+ John 14:6



*Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 10, 2020-10:00 a.m. (Remote)*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

May 10, 2020

10:00 a.m. (Remote)

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Church Bells

Prelude..... *Two Variants on "O Sons and Daughters of the King"*
-Matthew H. Corl

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

C: We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

(Please greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Song Worship Book - 377
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Vs 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!.

Vs 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory;
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Vs 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

Vs 4 Weeping be gone; sorry, be silent;
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

Vs 5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I Am!

Refrain Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory Alleluia!

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

Song of Praise *“To Him Who Sits on the Throne”*

To him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, (repeat)
be blessing and glory and honor and power forever. (repeat)

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, Almighty God,
C: **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading *Acts 7:55-60*

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then 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.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Video - “Memoirs of a Socially Distanced Mother’s Day”

Mother’s Day Shout Outs - #SJMomsFW

Solo - “A Mother’s Prayer” - Fionàn De Barra, Keith Getty, Krsityn Getty

A Prayer for Mothers

Second Reading.....1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” 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, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation..... WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Page 151

“Alleluia”



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel *John 14:1-14*

(spoken) (text for pastor’s sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place 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 know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus 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’? 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon..... Rev. Paul Offhaus

Hymn of the Day..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 379**
“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Vs 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
 wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 love lives again, that with the dead has been;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.

Vs 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
 thinking that he would never wake again;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.

Vs 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Vs 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

***Apostles' Creed**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*after each petition, please respond as follows*):

A: Lord, in your mercy, P: ...through Christ our Lord.
C: hear our prayer. C: Amen.

Time of Offering.....*Easter Sonata for Flute and Organ, 1 -
Now the Green Blade Rises - Robert J. Powell*

Canticle of Thanksgiving..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Song..... *"I Am the Resurrection"*

Chorus

I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me will live a new life.

I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life;
if you believe then you shall live. *Chorus*

In my word all men will come to know;
it is love which makes the spirit grow.
If you believe, then you shall live. *Chorus*

Keep in mind the things that I have said;
remember me in the breaking of the bread.
If you believe, then you shall live.

I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me will live;
will live a new life. *Chorus*

Dismissal

A: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (5/10)

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister	Jane Porter Gresham
Organist.....	Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild	Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound	Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (5/17)

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister	Elizabeth Evans, Abigail Offhaus
Organist.....	Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild	Lois Sharp, Dorothy Epple (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound	Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be o - pen!"
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
 love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
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Text: John M. C. Crum, 1872–1958
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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