



## Video Worship Bulletin

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter

*"I am the way, and the truth, and the life"*

### GATHERING

#### **Welcome & Worship announcements**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: "Praise You In This Storm" Performed by Patricia Clearance**

I was sure by now  
God You would have reached down  
And wiped our tears away  
Stepped in and saved the day  
But once again I'll say amen  
And it's still rainin'

As the thunder rolls  
I barely hear You whisper  
Through the rain  
I'm with You  
And as Your mercy falls  
I'll raise my hands  
And praise the God who gives  
And takes away

And I'll praise You in this storm  
And I will lift my hands  
For You are who You are  
No matter where I am  
And ev'ry tear I've cried  
You hold in Your hand  
You never left my side  
And though my heart is torn  
I will praise You in this storm

I remember when  
I stumbled in the wind  
You heard my cry to You  
And raised me up again  
But my strength is almost gone  
How can I carry on  
If I can't find You

I lift my eyes unto the hills  
Where does my help come from  
My help comes from the Lord  
The Maker of heaven and earth

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, 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

### **Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Be like newborn babies, always thirsty for the pure spiritual milk, so that by drinking it you may grow up and be saved. <sup>3</sup>As the scripture says, "You have found out for yourselves how kind the Lord is." <sup>4</sup>Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless but chosen by God as valuable. <sup>5</sup>Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For the scripture says, "I chose a valuable stone, which I am placing as the cornerstone in Zion; and whoever believes in him will never be disappointed." <sup>7</sup>This stone is of great value for you that believe; but for those who do not believe: "The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all."

<sup>8</sup>And another scripture says, "This is the stone that will make people stumble, the rock that will make them fall. They stumbled because they did not believe in the word; such was God's will for them. <sup>9</sup>But you are the chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>At one time you were not God's people, but now you are his people; at one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy.

**Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

I come to you, LORD, for protection;  
never let me be defeated.

You are a righteous God;  
save me, I pray!

<sup>2</sup>Hear me! Save me now!

Be my refuge to protect me; my defense to save me.

<sup>3</sup>You are my refuge and defense;  
guide me and lead me as you have promised.

<sup>4</sup>Keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me;  
shelter me from danger.

<sup>5</sup>I place myself in your care.

You will save me, LORD; you are a faithful God.

<sup>15</sup>I am always in your care; save me from my enemies,  
from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Look on your servant with kindness; save me in your constant love.

**Gospel: John 14:1-14**

“Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them. “Believe<sup>[a]</sup> in God and believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>3</sup> And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way that leads to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. <sup>7</sup> Now that you have known me,” he said to them, “you will know<sup>[c]</sup> my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him.” <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you,” Jesus said to his disciples, “do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do. <sup>12</sup> I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do—yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me<sup>[d]</sup> for anything in my name, I will do it.

## Children's Message

### Message

#### **Hymn of the Day: "Spirit of Gentleness"**

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### **Prayers of intercession**

**Response: Hear our prayer.**

### **Peace**

### **Offering Prayer**

Merciful God,  
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance,  
just as you do with our lives.  
Feed us again at this table  
for service in your name,  
in the strength of the risen Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **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, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **St. Paul Lutheran Breakthrough Prayer**

O God of hope and love, Thank you for your people of St. Paul Lutheran Church.  
Move us by the Holy Spirit to live for you alone.

Take us outside ourselves, make us open, and remind us that  
you are our center and our purpose. Break down barriers of anger, fear, grief,  
hurt, and whatever else is holding me back from being open, and  
holding us back as a congregation. Use me to do your work.

Use each of us for the plans you have for your church.

Through the abundant love of your Son, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

## SENDING

### **Blessing**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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