

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Online

Organ Prelude

Elevation

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The Liturgy of the Word

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Zimbabwe chant

All

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major. The first two staves are for the vocal line, and the third is for the organ accompaniment. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Passover has been sacri-ficed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

ALLELUIA

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has do-min-ion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

ALLELUIA 2 times

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

The Gospel *John 15:1-8*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is

thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Drew Downs

The Prayers of the People

Presider Christ has gathered us as branches of the true vine.
Let us offer prayers to God who does for us whatever we ask.

For the whole world and all the churches of God,
 especially the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East,
 our companion dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
 St. Philips, Indianapolis,
 and our 7th Street church neighbors.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this holy gathering and our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all the baptized whose faces shine with the light of Christ.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all who minister and for all the holy people of God.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in danger and need:
 the sick and the suffering,
 prisoners, captives, and their families,
 the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who have asked our prayers:
 Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Robin Rolt, Megan Price,
 Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, John Bonner, Martha Hafner,
 Ellie Thomas, Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Kay Griswold,
 David Mier, Patrick Murphy, Dave Thomas, John Newlin,

Steve Hoyt, Jhansi Ghogle, Grace Daniel, Jonan Daniel,
Jordan Daniel, and Jimmy McKellar.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying and the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love:

those celebrating birthdays, especially Joanna Benskin (5/4),
James Greene (5/4), and Sally Newlin (5/6),

those celebrating baptismal anniversaries, especially Carol Hutz (5/3),
Jessica Wayton (5/7), and Kurt Wayton (5/7),

those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,
especially Chip Chillington (5/3), Martha Hafner(5/4),
and David Nearpass (5/4).

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering Jesus mother Mary, St. Philip, and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the
prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace to love our brothers
and sisters; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Blessing

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the
great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which
is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn *Good Christians all, rejoice, and sing* (Hymnal 205, stanzas 1,3,4)

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude

Allegro

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