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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

Hymn: *Father, We Praise You*..... CW # 581

1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty

watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,

prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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Opening Hymn: *Father, We Praise You* **CW # 581**

Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer and Praise

L: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayers, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our pray, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord God, through your Son you made the heavens and the earth; through him you continue to rule over all things. Make us, your chosen people, witnesses of your power and heralds of your glory to the praise of your unfailing love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen. *(seated)*

First Lesson:**Acts 17:1-12**

L: (Paul and Silas) came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ² As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. ⁴ Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

⁵ But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting:

C: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, ⁷ and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."

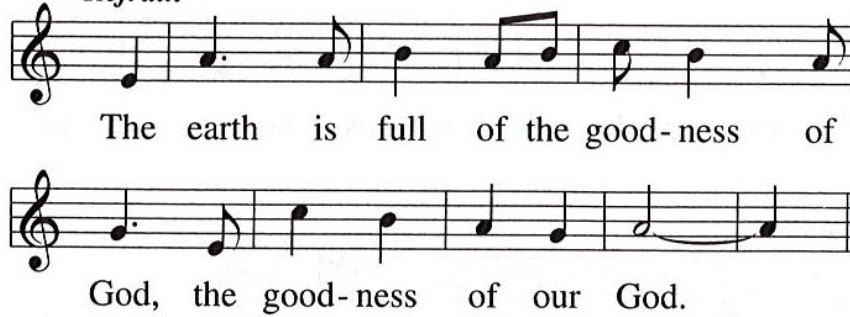
L: ⁸ When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. ⁹ Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

¹⁰ As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹² Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Psalm of the Day: # 33

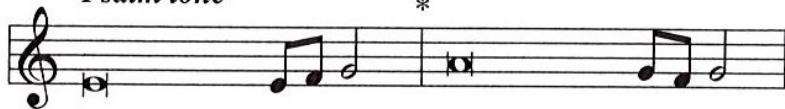
Psalm: # 33

Refrain



The earth is full of the good-ness of
God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone



Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;*
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;*
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,*
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;*
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;*
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,*
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;*
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴ As you come to *the Lord*, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” ⁸ and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn: *Yours Forever, God of Love*..... CW # 426 Stz 1 – 4

1 Yours for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from your throne a - bove;
 2 Yours for - ev - er, oh, how blest They who find in you their rest!
 3 Yours for - ev - er, Lord of life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
 4 Yours for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep All your weak and trem-bling sheep

Yours for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sav - ior, Guard-ian, heav'n-ly Friend, Oh, de - fend us to the end.
 You, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
 Safe - ly in your ten - der care; Let us all your good-ness share.

Gospel: (rise)

John 14:1-12

L: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him,

C: “**Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?**”

L: ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said,

C: “**Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.**”

L: ⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. ¹²I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!** (seated)

Hymn: *I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus* **CW # 446 Stz 1 – 4**

1 I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust-ing on - ly you,
 2 I am trust-ing you for par - don; At your feet I bow,
 3 I am trust-ing you for cleans-ing In the crim-son flood,
 4 I am trust-ing you to guide me; You a - lone shall lead,

Trust-ing you for full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
 For your grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
 Trust - ing you who made me ho - ly By your blood.
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

Trust In The Lord!

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen Indeed!

Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

***the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen***

Prayer: Most merciful God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes and challenges of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! *(be seated)*

Hymn: *I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus* CW # 446 Stz 5 & 6



5 I am trus - ting you for po - wer; You can ne - ver fail.
6 I am trus - ting you, Lord Je - sus; Ne - ver let me fall.



5 Words which you your - self shall give me Must per - vail
6 I am trus - ting you for - ev - er And for all.