

# Communion Service for May 5, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “This Joyful Eastertide” -arr. D. Wagner

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT # 114 “Thou Art Worthy”

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

**All: It is God who draws us up from Sheol!**

One: Who feeds and tends our lives?

**All: It is the Risen Christ who nourishes us!**

One: Praise be to God who has saved us!

**All: Praise be to Christ who nourishes us at his table. Amen.**

• GATHERING HYMN #276 “We Gather Together”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

**We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but often return to our old ways of thinking, behaving, and responding to people’s needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Day, but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever!**

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST “**Hala**” (*pronounced ha la*)

• PRAISE RESPONSE #41 “Halle-Halle-Halleluja”  
**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.**  
**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.**  
*(Repeat as necessary)*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE #113 “Jesus Loves Me” (*Verse 1*)  
*(Children, age 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade leave for Sunday school.)*  
**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so.**  
**Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**The Bible tells me so.**  
*(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)*

## SCRIPTURE

First Reading:	<b>Acts 9:1-6</b>	<i>(page 127)</i>
	Psalm 30	<i>(page 505)</i>
Second Reading:	<b>John 21:1-19</b>	<i>(page 115)</i>
	Revelation 5:11-14	<i>(page 248)</i>

## SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Joy Returns in the Morning” -J. Snowdon

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 debts**  
**as we forgive our debtors.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil,**  
**for thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory, forever.**  
**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Now Green Blade Riseth” -arr. R. Lau

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*In unison*)

**In this Easter season, Holy God, we celebrate the resurrection life to which you call us in Jesus Christ. As we worship you today and throughout the week ahead, open us to the call of Jesus: “Follow me”. May this offering become a sign that we are ready to shine with the love you have revealed through the life, death, and resurrection of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving (*Sung by all*)

“Santo, Santo, Santo” #111

**Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!**

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper #393 “One Bread, One Body”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**Dear God, in this place and at this table, we have received your peace. Grant that we may go from this place filled with your love ready to share it with all your people. In Christ’s presence and name, we pray. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #677 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Alleluia, Christ Is Risen” -F. Ritter

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.*

*Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*

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