

THE DIVINE SERVICE

May 31, 2020

The Last Sunday of Easter

The Day of Pentecost

In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Toccata Quinta, F 3.05 – Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance

❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Lutherisch Hand-Büchlein, 1648

Canticale Germanicum, 1628

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
 2. Un seal our lips to sing your praise in
 3. Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O
 4. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and

hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 end - less hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
 light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.
 that blest place we then shall see you face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people.

People: **The Lord has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth!**

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSON OF SIN

Psalm 51:10-12

Johann A. Freylinghausen

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from thy pre-sence, and take not thy Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of thy sal -
va - - - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

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Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ **Minister:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ THE GLORIA

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

The Service of the Word

❖ THE PSALTER

Psalm 25:1-6

Psalter Hymnal, 1959

John Antes, 1740-1811

1. Lord, I lift my soul to thee, O my God, I trust thy might;
2. Yea, may none be put to shame, none who wait for thee to bless;
3. Lord, to me thy ways make known, guide in truth and teach thou me;
4. Lord, re - mem - ber in thy love all thy mer - cies man - i - fold,

let not foes ex - ult o'er me, shame me not be - fore their sight.
but dis - hon - ored be their name who with - out a cause trans - gress.
thou my Sav - ior art a - lone, all the day I wait for thee.
ten - der mer - cies from a - bove, change - less from the days of old.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 7:37-39

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

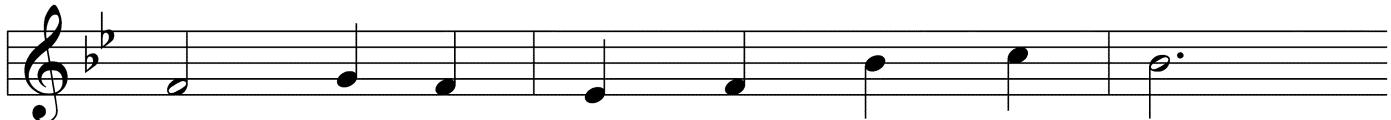
Acts 2:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Attributed to Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856

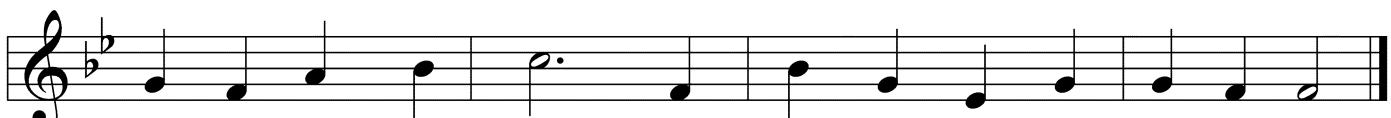
Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533



1. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,
2. To you, the Com - fort er, we cry,
3. In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
4. Your light to ev - 'ry sense - im - part,
5. Keep far from us our cru - el foe,



de - scend up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es
to you, the gift of God most high, true fount of
we God's al - might - y hand be - hold while you with
and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness
and peace from your own hand be - stow; if you be



man - i - fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
life, the fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
tongues of fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.
of our mor - tal state with death - less might in - vig - or - ate.
our pro - tect - ing guide, no e - vil can our steps be - tide.

6. Oh, make to us the Father known;
Teach us the eternal Son to own;
And you, whose name we ever bless,
Of both the Spirit, to confess.

7. Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Levi Richey Alders (8:30)
Charlotte Mae Walton (10:00)
Thaddeus Joshua Munzert (11:30)

❖ Baptism Response

Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Johann B. König, 1691-1758



1. Our chil-dren Je - sus calls to his most dear em - brace.
2. "Let them ap - proach," he says, "nor scorn their hum - ble claim;
3. With joy we bring them, Lord, de - vot - ing them to you,



He holds them in al - might - y arms, en - folds them in his grace.
the heirs of heav'n are such as these; for such as these I came."
and pray, "As you show love to us, so love our chil - dren too."

WELCOME

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Bret Mercer

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.

❖ THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Bryce Waller

Bones, Breath, and Battalions

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Service of the Table

❖ CORPORATE CONFESSON OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you!
Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you." During this time, please greet one another verbally and refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact.

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;
People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Heinrich Held, 1620-1659

Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second staff contains lines 5-8. The third staff contains lines 9-12. The fourth staff contains lines 13-16.

1. Come, oh come, O quick - 'ning Spir - it, God be - fore the
2. On - ly that which you de - sire be our ob - ject;
3. Bless - ed Spir - it, still re - new - ing all who dwell up -
4. Help us keep the faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,

dawn of time! Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,
with your hand lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,
on the earth, when the e - vil one as - sails us
death, or shame draw us from you or de - prive us

bless - ed Com - for - ter sub - lime! Let your ra - diance
let them be at your com - mand. All our sin - ful -
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth; arm us with your
of the hon - or of your name. When the foe would

fill our night, turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.
ness e - rase with the in - crease of your grace.
might - y sword in the le - gions of the Lord.
lure us hence, be, O God, our sure de - fense.

❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1623

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at your right hand, poured out on this day as he had promised the Holy Spirit on the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

William Mathias, 1934-1992

organ:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. organ:
Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-25)

Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n, to
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it, let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown: Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest: take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end - it of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, till and we praise
till in heav'n we take our place,

thy sal - va - - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Josua Wegelin, 1604-1640

Etlich Christlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524



1. On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as - cen - sion;
2. Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob - tain - ing,
3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as - cen - sion,



this hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre-hen - sion;
my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re - main - ing;
that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, a - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion;



for where the head is, there as well I know his mem - bers
for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my thoughts will
and then, when all my days will cease, let me de - part in



are to dwell when Christ will come and call them.
ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.
joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

LESSONS

Psalm 25:1-6

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Acts 2:1-15

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.”

Sermon Lesson – Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”