

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn “Lift High The Cross”** *George William Kitchin, Michael Robert Newbolt*

*Chorus:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Til all the world adore His sacred Name

Led on their way by this triumphant sign  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine (*to chorus*)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Him who died (*to chorus*)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree  
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee (*to chorus*)

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!!!

*People* ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

*People* ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People* ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me

*People* ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord.

*People* ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

*All* ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

*People*            ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified at home.

*People*            ***Be glorified in church.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified in Texas.

*People*            ***Be glorified in the United States.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified on earth.

*People*            ***Be glorified in heaven.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*        Alleluia!

*People*            ***Amen.***

### **The Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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 glory; 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. **Amen.**

**The first lesson is from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 4, beginning to read at verse 32.**

<sup>32</sup>“For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. <sup>33</sup>Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? <sup>34</sup>Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup>To you it was shown, that you might know

that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. <sup>36</sup> Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. <sup>37</sup> And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, <sup>38</sup> driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, <sup>39</sup> know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. <sup>40</sup> Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.” (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

**Psalm 66:1-11** *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
*sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.*

2 Say to God, “How wonderful are your works; \*  
*through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.*

3 For all the world shall worship you, \*  
*sing to you, and praise your Name.”*

4 O come and see the works of God, \*  
*how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.*

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; \*  
*therefore in him let us rejoice.*

6 He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
*let not the rebellious exalt themselves.*

7 Bless our God, you peoples, \*  
*and make the voice of his praise to be heard,*

8 Who holds our soul in life, \*  
*and does not allow our feet to slip.*

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
*you have tried us, as silver is tried.*

10 You brought us into the snare \*  
*and laid trouble upon our backs.*

11 You allowed men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
*but you brought us out into a place of plenty.*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**The second lesson is from the first letter of St. John, chapter 3, beginning to read at verse 11**

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. <sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"**

*Lynn De Shazo*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)*

*Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. John Chapter 14 beginning to read at verse 15.

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>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.” (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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**Sermon**

***The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau***

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* ***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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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 worshipped 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.***

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

*Psalmist* We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

*All* ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

*Psalmist* Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*All* ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

*Psalmist* We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

*All* ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

*All* ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

*All* ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

*Psalmist* For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

*All* ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

*All*                    ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*            Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Grace Community Anglican Church in Katy, Texas. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*All*                    ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

*Psalmist*            For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*All*                    ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist*            We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

*All*                    ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

*Celebrant*           Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant*           Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All*                    ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

*All* **Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

**Offertory Song “The Power Of Your Name”** *Lincoln Brewster, Mia Fieldes*

Surely children weren't made for the streets  
And fathers were not made to leave  
Surely this isn't how it should be  
Let Your Kingdom come

Surely nations were not meant for war  
Or the broken meant to be ignored  
Surely this just can't be what You saw  
Let Your Kingdom come here in my heart

*Chorus:* And I will live to carry Your compassion  
To love a world that's broken  
To be Your hands and feet  
I will live with the life that I've been given  
And go beyond religion to see the world be changed  
By the power of Your Name

Surely life wasn't made to regret  
And the lost were not made to forget  
Surely faith without action is dead  
Let Your Kingdom come Lord break this heart *(to chorus)*

*Bridge:* Jesus Your Name is a shelter for the hurting  
Jesus Your Name is a refuge for the weak  
Only Your Name can redeem the undeserving  
Jesus Your Name holds everything I need *(to chorus)*

### **Doxology**



*All sing      Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People*      **He is.**

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People*      **He is.**

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People*      **He is.**

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People*      **Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* We are His people.

*People*      **We are redeemed.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious community, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give You thanks because You raised Him gloriously from the dead; through Him You have given us the resurrection hope, for our life will be changed, not taken away, when our mortal flesh is laid aside, we will enter our everlasting dwelling place to live with Him.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

**“Sanctus”**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People* ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People* ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

*Celebrant* This is the feast of victory!

*People* ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

## The Communion

*Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:*

***All 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.***

*Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.*

*People **Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

*Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,*

*People **is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

*Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.*

*People **Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

*Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.*

*People **We are because He is.***

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

**“Behold the Lamb”**

*Dottie Rambo*

***Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O Holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb. Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him, praise Him. Heaven and earth resound. Back to beginning.***

**Communion Songs “Before The Throne Of God Above”**

*Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

### **“Son Of Heaven”**

*Brandon Lake, Dante Brown, Matt Maher*

This is the word here in the flesh  
Living among the meek and lowly  
The voice of God His every breath  
Salvation of the world unfolding

*Chorus:* Behold Him behold Him  
Lift up your eyes see the Son of Heaven  
Hosanna hosanna  
Pour out your praise sing the name of Jesus

This is His heart upon the cross  
And from his wounds His mercies flowing  
And from the dawn put death to death  
And ever since that grave's been empty (*to chorus*)

This is His home here in our chest  
At every door our Savior's knocking  
Oh let Him in oh let Him out  
With every yes His Kingdom's coming

The sound of every saint rejoicing  
Oh Jesus Christ the hope of glory (*to chorus x2*)

**“Fill My Cup”** *Andrew Ripp, Ethan Hulse, Thad Cockrell*

Been walkin' to a city I cannot see  
Through the depths of the valley where the sun can't reach  
I've been high I've been low  
I've been lookin' for the river that could fill my soul  
Been walkin' to a city I cannot see

*Chorus:* Fill my cup Lord run it over  
Give me love give me joy give me peace  
Fill my cup Lord run it over  
I am Your child in need  
Lord I need You to fill my cup

Been walkin' over lies standin' in my way  
They can say what they want I don't want what they say  
I was born far from home but I've been thriving  
In the wonder of the great unknown  
Cause I'm drinking from a well from another place (*to chorus*)

*Bridge:* Fill my house up with hope fill my plans up with purpose  
Fill my wounds up with healing Lord I need You to fill my cup  
Fill my days up with meaning fill my future with vision  
Goodness grace and provision Lord I need You to fill my cup

And when I get to that city I cannot see  
I'll know that even this valley was a golden stream (*to chorus, bridge*)

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

***Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.***

### **The Blessing/ Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

**Closing Hymn “Resurrection Hymn”** *Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

See what a morning gloriously bright

With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead love has won  
Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

*Celebrant*      Words of dismissal.  
*All*              ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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