Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

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Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

REFRAIN: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;

till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. REFRAIN

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. REFRAIN

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O Lord, You have made it clear that you desire your Church to be united. Break down the walls which separate us and build us back up again as one body in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray, amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 18:1-4 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 144

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 173

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*GOSPEL: Mark 9:34-35 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.46

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC 1 Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Uniting God, Hear our prayer

May all these things be granted in the name of our Savior Jesus, who earnestly prayed that we might all be one, **amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN Thine Is the Glory #376

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay

REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee ,risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! REFRAIN

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said! Share the good news – safely and with appropriate social distancing! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE