

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 24, 2016

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Red Book" 74

Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy
Lord God Almighty; And we lift our hearts before You as a
Token of our love, Holy, holy, holy holy.

Gracious Father, Gracious Father, We're so blest to be Your
Children, Gracious Father; And we lift our heads before You as a
Token of our love, Gracious Father, Gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus, We're so glad that You've redeemed
Us, Precious Jesus; And we lift our hands before You as a
Token of our love, Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Come and fill our hearts a
New, Holy Spirit; And we lift our voice before You as a
Token of our love, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, And we lift our hearts before You as a
Token of our love, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

OPENING BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: It is certainly one thing to trust God when everything in life is going well. To trust the Lord when we are experiencing challenging circumstances is quite another thing. It is during these times that we falter. Today we are presented with people—Mary and Joseph—who faced impossible odds, yet kept their trust in God. They were able to do this because of God's grace. We too want to be filled with God's grace today. It is for this reason that we begin our worship by confessing our sins.

Silence for Reflection

P: Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

C: Lord, we confess our sin, You have promised to provide for all of our needs, and yet we mistrust Your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do that which we desire. Today we need to recognize the sin within us, and ask that you would forgive us. Forgive us our sin and cleanse us so that we can be pleasing in Your sight and ministers in Your service.

P: Our God is a tomorrow God, who knows our past and knows where we are headed. We trust a God who knows our needs and desires each of us come daily in prayer. As we confess our sins, God is faithful and will forgive our sin and make us clean from all unrighteousness. God always promises us something better, because of the miracle of forgiveness and love. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 225

I 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.**

**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.**

BAPTISMS OF JAMES AND LISA MACDONALD

P: Dear friends, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the Apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

P: James, receive the sign of the cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Lisa, receive the sign of the cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

A QUESTION FOR THE SPONSORS

FOR THE CONGREGATION

P: Hear the Gospel according to Mark: They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LORD'S PRAYER

QUESTIONS FOR JAMES AND LISA

BAPTISM

WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY

FINAL PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

You are Wonderfully Made

By Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of midian and the Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Green Book" 487 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirit lure,
Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide

Let us ever walk with Jesus and with patience bear our cross,
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss,
Though today we so no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth here after.
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
Then by grace we all may win Untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus unto you I die, There to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken, Jesus since you are our head,
We are own living members; where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

SERMON

"How It All Began"

OFFERING

(We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Red Book" 47

Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.