FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SEASON | HOLY EUCHARIST

Christ-followers try and make it a lot more complicated than it is: each and every one of us are children of God, called to love one another as we love God. God is love.

About this Gathering

The Great Fifty Days of Easter celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ proclaiming that the Anointed Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of the World is risen from the dead overcoming the power of death and the grave. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Prelude

Hymn 518 | Christ is made the sure foundation



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MASKS & GATHERINGS
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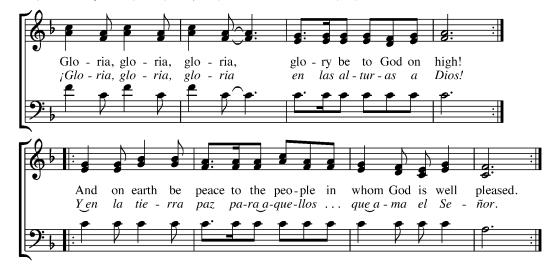
THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.

Song of Praise | *Gloria, gloria, gloria* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be way, truth, and life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; 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*.

Acts 7:55-60

Luke records in detail the death of Stephen, the first Christ-follower martyr.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Trust in God encourages the psalmist to entrust themselves to God's care.

Let us read Psalm 31 responsively.

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *

deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *

for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your lovingkindness save me.

1 Peter 2:2-10

The community of Christ-follower's are now a family, a nation, a people transcending all ethnic barriers, for they are God's own who have received mercy. As such, their duty is to declare God's deeds

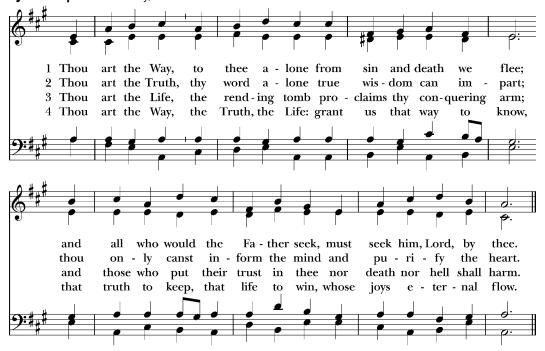
A Reading from Peter's first letter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn 457 | Thou art the Way, to thee alone



John 14:1-14

Philip's request to see the Father and so be satisfied expresses the human longing for real and intimate knowledge of God. Jesus' response declares that he is the revelation of God in words and works.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

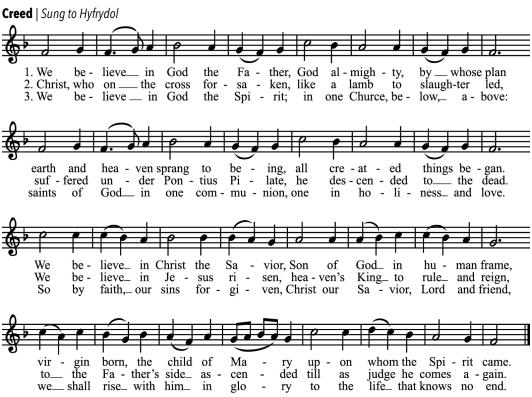
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.





Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Prayers of the People

Brothers and Sisters, once we were not a people, but now we are God's people. Let us pray to our good God, saying, "Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us."

In you, O Lord, does your Church take refuge. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to do great works in Jesus' name. May your Church glorify you in all our doings.

Silence

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving-kindness save us.

Ancient of Days, rescue the innocent from the hands of those who persecute them. Hold in your strong hands the oppressed and the abused.

Silence

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving-kindness save us.

God, our strong rock, give us eyes to see your hand at work in our world. Lead us and guide us that we may be good stewards of your creation.

Silence

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving-kindness save us.

Tower of Strength, assure those who are unemployed or living in poverty that they are precious in your sight.

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving-kindness save us.

Merciful God, incline your ear to those in need of deliverance. Calm the troubled hearts of the suffering and the sorrowful, of the sick and the anxiety-plagued.

The people add their petitions & intercessions, followed by silence.

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving-kindness save us.

God of truth, we commend the dying and the dead into your hands. We rejoice in Jesus' promise that he has prepared for us a place in your eternal home.

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving-kindness save us.

In the name of Jesus we pray: Make your face to shine upon us,

And in your loving-kindness save us.

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, St. Mary's follows the early Church practice of omitting the Confession of Sin.

We are not deceiving ourselves that we are less sinful during the Easter Season; however, our desire is to joyfully celebrate the power and grace of God in the new life of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

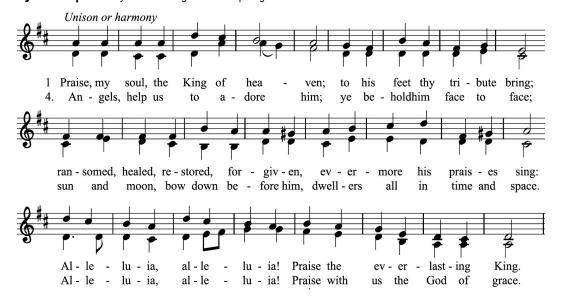
HOLY COMMUNION | PLEASE SHARE COMMUNION WITH US

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude

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Hymn 410 | Praise my soul the king of heaven | Sing vs. 1 & 4



The Great Thanksgiving

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;

because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

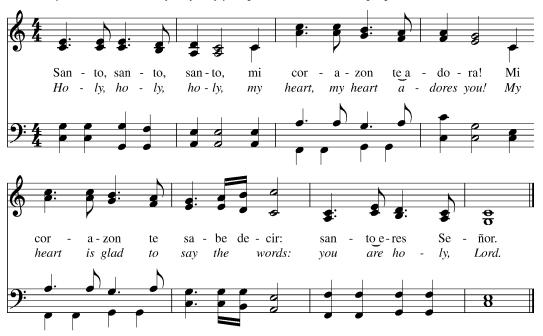
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more. Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks as we sing:

WLP 785 | Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

The contemporary version listed below is optional. Please pray boldly the traditional or contemporary version in your language of choice.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Communion

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen. | The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

Sending Prayer

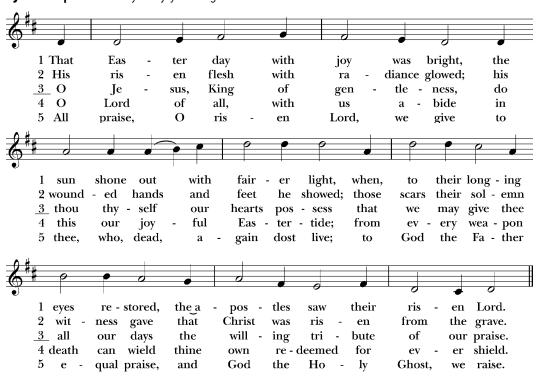
Let us pray together.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing Over the People

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and may God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. *Amen*.

Hymn 193 | That Easter day with joy was bright



Dismissal

Let us bless the our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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