

Worship Resource for Easter 5 (Sunday, May 15, 2022)

Thanks for joining us in worship today! If you are worshipping online, be sure to fill out the digital connection card.

Getting Reading for Worship

As you get ready for worship, you will want to have:

1. Your Bible. We will be reading these passages: Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35.
2. Lyrics to songs listed below.
3. The elements for Holy Communion. We encourage you to strive for a bread product and something in the "fruit of the vine" category.
4. The worship service will be broadcast on YouTube. You will find links to both on the home page of the Grace website (www.grace-nalc.org).

Prelude: *Glorify Thy Name*

Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Donna Adkins, arr. Tom Fettke

Humphrey Turner

Rev. Peter Scholtes, arr. Lani Smith

Opening Hymn: *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken*

(LBW#358)

Glories of your name are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world-lings' pleasures
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

P: Kyrie eleison C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Christe eleison C: Christ, have mercy.
P: Kyrie eleison C: Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
 We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
 For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 In the glory of God the Father, Amen.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
And peace to God's people on earth.

Holy Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being

let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

⁹ "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

¹⁵ "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Holy Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

***Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35**

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Giving of Your Tithes and Offerings

We encourage you to participate in the offering as you worship from your home. Have a designated basket where you place your offering, and include your children in the process. Let them serve as ushers, for example. Use this as a teaching time to talk about the importance of stewardship, and to pray for your church's financial situation during these abnormal times. Here are a few giving options for you to consider:

1. Your Grace offering envelope is also a mailing envelope. We recommend added an additional piece of tape to secure the tab.
2. Give through the Grace app. It's quick, simple and easy, and very secure. Connect through the "Give" option.
3. Use the "bill pay" option through your bank.
4. Arrange for automatic contributions through the Grace system (Vanco). Again this is very secure. There is a form to be filled out for this. Contact Church Administrator Darla Kalifoot (937-399-6257) to get this set up.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The 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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

At the pastor's direction, share the communion elements with one another.

As you share the bread with one another, say "The body of Christ given for you."

As you share the cup with one another, say "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Musical Offering: A New Commandment

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

Barbara Romaca, violinist

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love WOV #765

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.
Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.
Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.
These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.
Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Text: Tom Colvin Ghanaian folk tune; adapt. Tom Colvin; arr. Jane Marshall

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Postlude: *Alleluia to Christ!*

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Other Notes:

- Throughout the service, feel free to stand whenever doing so would enhance your worship experience.
- As you share the peace, consider sending a text of peace to someone who also may be sheltered in a different place. Stay connected!