



THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE *of* DIVINE WORSHIP

—The Sixth Sunday *in* Eastertide—

Sunday, May 05, *Anno Domini* 2024
08:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. ✠ The Sanctuary

✠ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

The People's responses are printed in bold.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

*As the service begins, you are invited to quiet your thoughts
and prayerfully center your attention on the worship of Almighty God.*

SERVICE NOTES

*We rest our hearts
in God's presence
as we prepare for
worship.*

*We celebrate God's
presence with us.*

— ENTRANCE —

SILENT PRAYER *of* PREPARATION *for* WORSHIP

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever. *Amen.*

(11:00) HANDBELL PRELUDE

Toccata on "King's Weston"

arr. Matthew Compton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(11:00) CHORAL INTROIT

Let Everything that Hath Breath

by Jeffery Ames

Worship is our response to a relationship we don't deserve. Jesus tells us that we are to worship God in spirit and truth.
(John 4.24)

God initiates first and we respond and bear witness in song to all that God is and has done
(Colossians 3.16).

In preparation to receive our Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we acknowledge our need of forgiveness and renewal through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ
(I John 1.8-10).

✠ **CALL to WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Come, let us worship and adore Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world!

We bless You and sing of Your resurrection!

Today Christ tramples on death, He is risen, and He has granted joy to the world, so let us sing His praises.

We will sing to the Lord!

Through Your Cross we sing and praise You, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Your resurrection

for You are God and You only do we praise!

O Christ, because of Your resurrection all of heaven sings and dances.

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

✠ **GATHERING HYMN of ADORATION**

MADRID (SPANISH HYMN)

No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CONFESSION of SIN

Liturgist: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God and one another:

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection and private confession.)

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by our sin that leads to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;

We despise the weak
 and abuse the earth You made.
 Forgive us, God of mercy.
 Help us to trust Your power
 to change our lives and make us new,
 that we may know the joy of abundant life
 given in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. *Amen.*

Just as we stand in a court of law for sentencing, so too we stand to hear that God comforts us and promises forgiveness and pardon in Christ (John 20.23).

We enjoy and extend the peace of Christ to one another (John 14.27).

The Gloria Patri is an ancient hymn of praise dating back to 380 AD.

✦ **ASSURANCE of GOD'S PARDON**

from I Peter 1.18-21

Liturgist: Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel: “You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from Your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through Him you have come to trust in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.”

In Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven!

People: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! AMEN!**

✦ **THE PEACE of THE LORD**

Liturgist: The peace of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** (*Latin: “Glory be the Father..”*)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to Christ the Son,
 Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Ev - er Three and Ev - er One:
 One in might and One in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Words: *Gloria Patri*, VII Century Latin; trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), 1861; alt. Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY; Henry Purcell (1659-1695), 1680.

— LITURGY of THE WORD —

(11:00) ANTHEM of PRAISE

arr. Craig Curry

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

We humbly ask the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts and minds to receive God's Word as it is read and proclaimed.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Together, let us pray:

God of life:
Your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.
Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture.
Your Spirit draws us to Christ
and helps us acknowledge Him as Lord.
We ask that You will send Your Holy Spirit now
to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope
through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. *Amen.*

While Peter is preaching, the Holy Spirit is poured out even upon the Gentiles. The Church marvels at the expansiveness of God's grace.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10.44-48

Liturgist: ... Word of God, Word of life:

(p. 130)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN of PREPARATION

DOWN AMPNEY

No. 475

Come Down, O Love Divine

✠ **GOSPEL LESSON**

John 15.9-17

As the Father loves, so does the Son. Jesus urges His followers to love.

Preacher: ... This is the Word of God for the people of God.

(pp. 109-10)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Apostles' Creed dates back to the 3rd century AD.

As recipients of God's grace, we give back to God a portion of what is already His (I Corinthians 16.2).

The Great Thanksgiving begins with the "Sursum Corda" (Latin: "Lift up your hearts.")

The Sanctus and Benedictus is from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6.3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21.9).

✠ AFFIRMATION of OUR FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed
(Hymnal, p. 881)*

— LITURGY of THE TABLE —

OFFERTORY ANTHEM of RESPONSE

(08:30) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

(11:00) *O Love*

by Elaine Hagenberg

✠ DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.;

Music: from Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:

**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!

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

*We pray to God as
our Father using
the prayer of the
family of God
because the Lord's
Supper is our
family meal.*

✦ THE LORD'S PRAYER

from Matthew 6.9-13

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. *Amen.*]

*All are invited to
come and receive
our Lord's body
and blood in the
Sacrament of Holy
Communion via
intinction (dipping
the bread into the
chalice of grape
juice before
consuming the
elements.) A
gluten-free station
is available in the
center.*

✦ BREAKING THE BREAD

Celebrant: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

✦ INVITATION to THE LORD'S TABLE

Celebrant: These are 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.

COMMUNION HYMN *during* THE DISTRIBUTION

No. 317

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

— SENDING FORTH —

Please come forward at the direction of the usher via the center aisle. You may wish to kneel for prayer before returning to your seat via the side aisle.

✦ **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God,
we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

✦ **SENDING HYMN of DEDICATION**

No. 318

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

✦ **BENEDICTION**

(You are invited to bow your head and extend your hands for the blessing.)

✦ **(11:00) BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

by Allan Kaplan

Al' Slosa D' Varim

(Hebrew: "The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace.")

✦ **COMMISSION & DEPARTURE into THE MISSION FIELD**

(11:00) HANDBELL POSTLUDE

by Jill Fedon

Exultate Deo

(Latin: "Rejoice in God")

*We go out with joy
and purpose in the
Lord.*

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opens
May 01!**



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June 24 - 27
6 pm - 8 pm



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Today we are excited to welcome the **Wesley Children's Choir and Youth Choir and Handbells of Davidson United Methodist Church**, under the direction of The Rev. Dr. Kevin Turner, Pastor for Music and Worship. These young musicians (grades 3-12) shared their music during their choir tour last summer in Paducah, Kentucky; St. Louis, Missouri; and Knoxville, Tennessee.



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