

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Cross Episcopal Parish
May 2, 2021

Gathering and Processional Hymn(s) 10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before
me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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.

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.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider – Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the 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.

People – Amen

The Lessons

The First Lesson - Acts 8:26-40

The Response – Psalm 22:24-30

The Epistle – 1 John 4:7-21

The Gospel Acclamation Love Divine All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Gospel – John 15:1-8

Sermon – Rev. Dr. Dick Warner

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

[The Leader and People pray responsively]

Leader – In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader – For all people in their daily life and work;
People – For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.

Leader – For this community, the nation, and the world;
People – For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

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Leader – For the just and proper use of your creation;

People – For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader – For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People – For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader – For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People – For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader – For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People – For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader – For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Leader – Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

Leader – We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

Leader – We will exalt you, O God our King;

People – And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader – We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader – Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People – Who put their trust in you.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

[The exchange of peace as explained by the presider.]

The Offertory

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[To maintain social distancing the offertory basket will not be passed around. The presider will inform the congregation how they can make an online donation or where they can leave a donation.]

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

[Eucharistic Prayer A – The people remain standing.]

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Presider – Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by you life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

People – Amen

Presider – Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

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.

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Presider – Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider – We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

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People - AMEN.

Presider – And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Presider and People

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider – Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People – Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider – The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[Holy Communion will be distributed to congregants as explained by the presider.]

Communion Hymn(s) O Blessed Spring

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| 1. O blessed spring, where Word and
sign
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be
A branch of this life-giving Tree. | Then through us, warm, the Christ
will move
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love. |
| 2. Through summer heat of youthful
years,
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
The boughs will shout for joy again. | 4. As winter comes, as winters must,
We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take
wing
And trust the promise of the spring. |
| 3. When autumn cools and youth is
cold,
When limbs their heavy harvest hold, | 5. Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living
Tree,
Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive
And join us to your Tree of Life. |

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After Communion

Presider – Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Closing/Recessional Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one