



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
5th Sunday of Easter Worship

May 18, 2025 9:30am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER
HIS SANCTURARY, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ
THROUGH THIS WORSHIP FOLDER
TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Behold, I
am making
all things
new.

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe that the Lord's Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Everyone please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. For Guests, Pastor will send you a welcome card and please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

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Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Sometimes Jesus' words sound like a riddle. "A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me" (*John 16:16*). What do You mean, Lord? Like the disciples, we do not know what You are talking about. Taken away momentarily by death and now ascended into heaven, Jesus allows us to experience His presence among us through Word and Sacrament as we await the fullness of joy that will come in His presence in the new heavens and new earth. On that day, the dwelling of God is with people; and we will be His people and He will be our God.

Welcome

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 148:1–3, 13

P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

C praise Him in the heights!

P Praise Him, all His angels;

C praise Him, all His hosts!

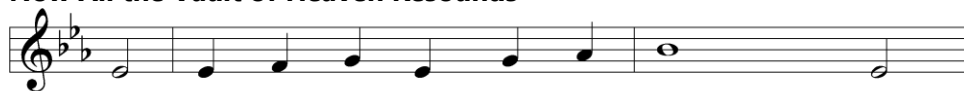
P Praise Him, sun and moon,

C praise Him, all you shining stars!

P Let them praise the name of the Lord,

■ for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Confession and Absolution

P Almighty God,

C **We confess before You our sinful nature and sinful deeds. We do not like to wait for anything! As sinners we want and labor for things that perish, forgetting to set our affections on You and Your kingdom where true joys are found. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and fill us with the Spirit of truth that our sorrow may turn to joy.**

P The dwelling of God is with people. Beloved, Jesus is in our midst. He is and ever shall be. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Ps. 98:2–6; antiphon: Ps. 98:1

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You are the unseen presence in all human affairs, the unseen actor in the drama of our lives. Though our days are now marked by sorrow, in a little while we will see Jesus. Grant us Your Spirit that we may behold You through eyes of faith as You come among us by Your Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it

closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

He has put all things under His feet.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

***And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.***

Give thanks, give thanks.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
 buried.
 He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 14:23

C Alleluia!
P We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
C Alleluia!
P If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.
C Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 16:12–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Message on John 16:12-22 by Pastor Rennie

Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because He lives **CHORUS**

CHORUS: *Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives*

3. And then one day we'll cross that river
We'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
We'll see the lights of glory
And we'll know He reigns **CHORUS**

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray.

Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. In hard times or good, help us to trust that You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives. Grant us patience and faith—patience to wait a little while to see Jesus and live forever in Your new creation, and faith to trust that in the meantime, You are truly present and active among us by Your Word and Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

MEN – God who makes all things new, we ask You to renew what is broken in this world. In both the public and private sectors, please rejuvenate systems of government, commerce, healthcare, industry, and service that people may become valued more than profit or power. Also by Your grace and Spirit, please continue healing the brokenness of individual people at every level of our society in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Lord, who is trustworthy and true, You give us pastors to speak Your Word on Your behalf.

Grant faithfulness to these men that they may serve as under the cross, ever pointing others toward the Savior. With Your love and tender mercies, visit the sick and all who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Beginning and the End, You hold the past, the present, and the future. We give You thanks for our loved ones and for all the saints who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Grant us faith to follow Jesus during our days of pilgrimage and bring us at last to Your kingdom, where You dwell with the saints in unapproachable light. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – God, who dwells among Your people, be present among all who come to hear Your Word

preached both here and around the world. Grant that in our hearing we may be forgiven, that we may be filled with, and strengthened in faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

C **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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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

***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***

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 ***CHORUS***

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 ***CHORUS***

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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

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