

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

"Jesus Is All the World to Me" arr. Phillip Keveren

+ Easter Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

+ Gathering Song

“All That We Have”

Refrain: All that we have and all that we offer comes from a heart both frightened and free. Take what we bring now and give what we need; All done in His name.

Some would rely on their power; Others put trust in their gold; Some have only their Savior, whose faithfulness never grows old. **Refrain**

Sometimes the road may be lonesome; Often we may lose our way. Take courage and always remember love isn't just for a day. **Refrain**

Sometimes when troubles are many, life can seem empty, it's true, but look at the life of the Master, who lovingly suffered for you. **Refrain**

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+ Greeting

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+ Kyrie

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+ Cantic of Praise

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

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Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

+ Gospel Acclamation

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+ Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Judy Cobb

+ Song of the Day

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+ Nicene Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

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<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table (IV)

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+ Lord's Prayer (sins)

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+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

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Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

“Death in His Grave”

Although the earth cried out for blood, satisfied her hunger was,
billows calmed on raging seas for the souls of men she craved.
Sun and moon from balcony turned their head in disbelief.
Precious Love would taste the sting, disfigured and disdained.

Refrain: On Friday a thief, on Sunday a King. Laid down in grief, but
woke with the keys of hell on that day, first born of the slain.
The Man, Jesus Christ laid death in His grave.
Oh, oh, oh, oh. (x2)

So three days in darkness slept, the Morning Son of righteousness,
but rose to shame the throes of death and overturn His rule.
Now daughters and the sons of men would pay not their dues again.
The debt of blood they owed was rent when the day He rolled anew.

He has cheated hell and seated us above the fall.
In desperate places, He paid our wages one time, once and for all.

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+ Table Blessing

+ Post Communion Canticle

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+ Prayer after Communion

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

TFF #84 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior's name;
his family embraces all whose Father is the same.

We now forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Latin hymn; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.
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+ Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

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