

10:00 WORSHIP/COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 2023

Prelude

Announcements

Please stand

Opening Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

BOB 115

Greeting and Response—Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C: deliver me in your righteousness.

P: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;

C: be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

P: Since you are my rock and my fortress,

C: for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

P: Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,

C: for you are my refuge.

P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C: deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

P: My times are in your hands;

C: deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

P: Let your face shine on your servant;

C: save me in your unfailing love.

Prayer of the Day *“O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God now and forever.” Amen*

Praise Song

“10,000 Reasons”

First Reading: Acts 7:49-60

“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things?” “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.” When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus

standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Please stand

Verse

“Spirit of the Living God”

BOB 201

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon Pastor Craig Werling

Sermon Hymn *"How Could You Love Me So Much?"* BOB 96

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Presentation of Confirmands

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Laying on of Hands (one at a time at the altar)

Offering Hymn *"Make Me a Servant"* BOB 155

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Distribution of Communion

Communion Songs *"This Is The Feast"* LBW p. 60

"Let Us Break Bread Together" LBW 212

"Feed My Lambs" BOB 55

Benediction

Closing Hymn *"To God Be the Glory"* RED 8

P: He is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed!

Pianist: Elizabeth Schulte

Lector: Kelly Peterson



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