8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP May 12, 2024 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE: Kyrie (Organ Mass for the Parishes) - F. Couperin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

During the Confession you may either stand or kneel as you are able.

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887 HYFRYDOL 8787D

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

- 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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PSALM 1

Spoken responsively, the Lector speaks the verses in regular print and congregation speaks the verses in **bold** print.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

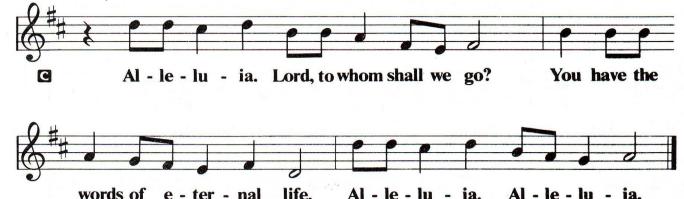
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

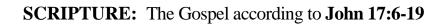
⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

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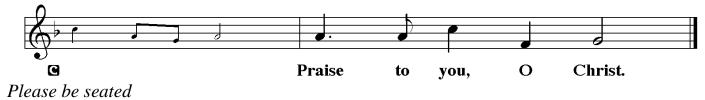
Please stand as you are able.







After the reading the minister says: "The Gospel of the Lord"



SERMON

Pastor Marjorie McDaniel

Please stand as you are able. HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed"



APOSTLES' CREED:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

- A. Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence*.
- A: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C: Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Thee Will I Love" – Craig Courtney

Thee will I love, my strength, my Tow'r; Thee will I love, my joy, my crown! Thee will I love with all my pow'r, in all my works, and the alone; Thee will I love, till thy pure fire fills all my soul with chaste desire. Thee will I love, the will I love, thee will I love, my joy, my crown.

I thank the, uncreated Sun, that thy bright beams on me have shined; I thank thee, who hast overthrown my foes and healed my wounded mind; I thank the, whose enliv'ning voice bids my freed heart in thee rejoice. Thee will I love, thee will I love, thee will I love, my joy, my crown.

Thee will I love, my joy, my crown; Thee will I love, my Lord, my God! Thee will I love, beneath thy frown or smile, thy scepter or thy rod. What though my flesh and heart decay? Thee shall I love in endless day! Thee will I love, Thee will I love, Thee will I love, my Lord, my God!



PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:

(The offering is presented as the Offertory is sung by the congregation.)



OFFERTORY PRAYER:

- A. Merciful Father,
- C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

P. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will

and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

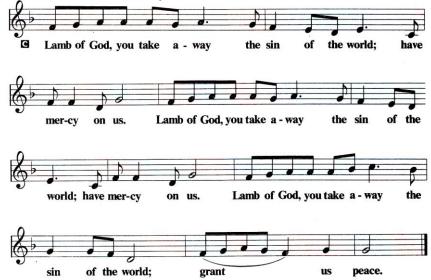
THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

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HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the "real presence" of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.



Please stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION:

- P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



DISMISSAL:

- A. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Toccata in d minor – G. Belier

Today's altar flowers are given by Kelly Shelton in honor of all mothers.