

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Now We Know

May 15, 2022



AS WE GATHER

Now we know the end of the Epistle, heaven will be like an in the Church have been made Bridegroom. Unlike the still had to experience their Friday through Easter morning, we can be confident that no one can take our joy from us. Now we know that because He has paid the price on the cross, the Bridegroom will freely make all things new. In place of torrents of tears will be the spring of the water of life. When we receive His body and blood in the Sacrament, it is a foretaste of the feast to come, and we cannot wait to enjoy the rest of the eternal celebration!

story. In John's vision in the eternal wedding feast. All of us presentable by Christ, the disciples, who in today's Gospel Lord's absence from Good

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Stand)

HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ~ vs. 1-6 # 210 or LW 126

INVOCATION

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 16:20; Revelation 21:6*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.**

P: Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE "Lord, have Mercy" *pp. 57, 58 ~ or LW 159, 160*

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the highest" *pp. 58, 59 ~ or LW 160, 161*

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.
C: **Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Sit)

FIRST READING *Acts 11:1-18* (Peter reports to the Church.)

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*

P: Christ has risen from the dead.
C: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
C: **He has put all things under His feet.**

EPISTLE *Revelation 21:1–7* (The new Heaven and the new Earth,)

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

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 16:12–22* (The disciples' sorrow will turn to joy.)

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

(The Gospel is read.)

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

(Sit)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" # 331 or LW 307

(Stand)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

C: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

OFFERTORY "We Give Thee but Thine Own" ~ stanzas 1 & 2 # 410 or LW 405

1 We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be,
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.

3.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *John 16:20; Acts 11:9, 17; Revelation 21:5*

4.

P: Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church and all people in their various needs.
You told Peter, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” Remember those people

on the margins of society, O Lord; provide caring people and institutions, open doors of opportunity, and free them from the results of their past poor decisions. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Peter and the others recognized that they could not “stand in God’s way.” Guide the Church’s clergy and lay leaders here and around the world to seek Your will, Lord Jesus, working together creatively to find new ways to spread the Gospel in accord with Your will. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, in John’s vision You proclaimed, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Graciously work through the talents and knowledge of meteorologists, naturalists, engineers, and visionaries as they seek to find ways to renew the health of this planet. Grant that seedtime and harvest, sun and rain produce bountiful harvests that we all rejoice in Your many blessings. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord over all, as You foretold, often we “will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice,” so we see injustice, oppression, constant warfare, and unrest in many nations. Raise up wise leaders intent on serving their citizens, police and first responders focused on maintaining the peace, and armed forces determined to reestablish calm. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Savior, by the faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, who will end mourning, crying, and pain. Before we enter that time of rejoicing, we bring the petitions of people near and dear to us as they call out in sorrow, through tears and enduring pain. As fits Your gracious plans, give them peace, joy, and relief. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that You have heard us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

5.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS “Holy, holy, holy . . .”

p. 69 or LW 170

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had

given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." **6.**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God . . ." p. 72 or LW 172

(Sit)

(We form a continuous line during distribution.)

A friendly reminder . . . Worship is a sacred time; a time when God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments. To maintain reverence during our Lord's Supper we kindly ask that you refrain from "regular conversation".

For your convenience, prayers for before and after Holy Communion in the front of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Now the Silence" # 205 not in LW

(When the Supper is ended PLEASE RISE)

THE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

C: **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **7.**

C: **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Jerusalem, O City Fair and High" # 348 vs. 1-2-3 or LW: 306 vs. 1-2-4

(Please be seated for the announcements.)

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YEAR TO DATE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ATTENDANCE May 08	Offerings May 08	YEAR TO DATE
Services: 53 - S.S: 4	\$ 2,010.00	\$38,264.00
To meet budget	<u>2,358.00</u>	<u>44,802.00</u>
	(348.00)	(6,538.00)

