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May 14, 2017  
8:45 AM – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day  
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**May 14, 2017**

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*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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**GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING**

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Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE . . .** Leilani Camara and Michael Keating

**WELCOME**

Please Stand

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*P: May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism

*P:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**All: Amen.**

*P:* Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P:* We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

**All: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

*P:* Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

**All: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

*P:* At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**All: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,**

*P:* We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**All: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

*P:* To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## GREETING

*P:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## OPENING HYMN . . . "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" vs 1, 4

Text: John S. B. Monsell - Tune: Frederick C. Maker - Cranberry Book #382



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## INVOCATION

*P:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## LITANY OF LOVE: A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: For shepherds and mentors, mothers and guides,

**All: we give thanks and praise this day.**

L: For friends who care, for families who nurture,

**All: we give thanks and praise this day.**

L: For this family of faith, for spiritual teachers,

**All: we give thanks and praise this day.**

L: For the gift of love, both given and received,

**All: we give thanks and praise this day.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we  
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel-low-ship you  
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas-chal



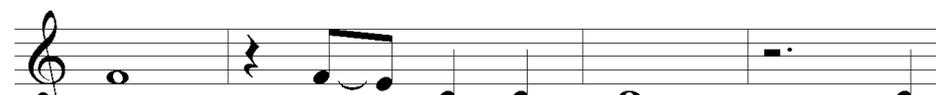
birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we  
can - dle You make our dark-ness bright. In wind or



come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in  
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your



song to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in  
praise; With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we



whom we all be - long. We  
owe you all our days. We



sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp - ty  
sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor - row, pain or



tomb. We sing to the God of sha - dows, of shat - tered  
pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im - man - u -



dreams and bar - ren womb; We sing to our God of  
el, our price - less treasure; We sing to our God of



Love! With sun and



Love! We sing to our God of Love!

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

**All: Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “The Call”**

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

**READING . . . 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”  
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”  
and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”  
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty

acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

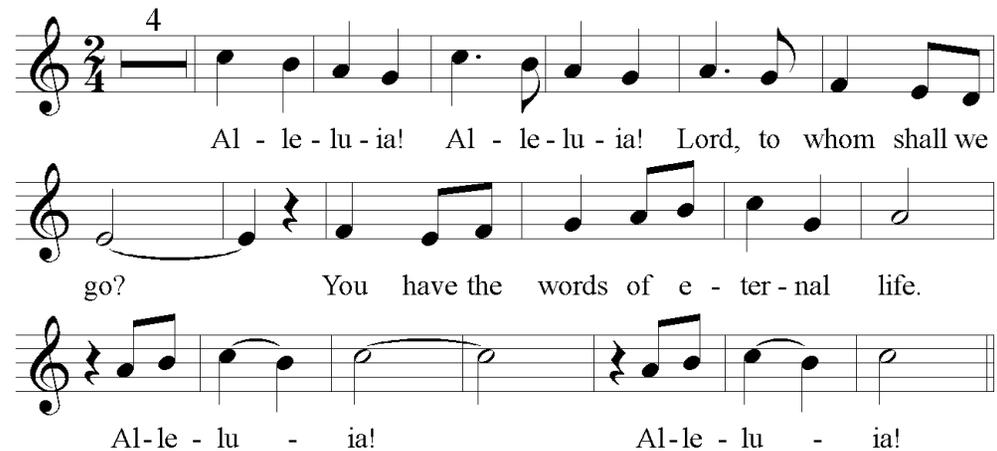
Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

**ALLELUIA**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.*



All: Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

**GOSPEL . . . John 14:1-14**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*



All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim**

*Flowers for the Women of Our Faith Family*



**A BLESSING FOR ALL WOMEN WHO NURTURE**

*P: Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of mothers and those women who nurture.*

**All: Grant to each of them your power and grace.**

*P: Strengthen them in their loving with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy.*

**All: Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach all children how to live and love;**

*P: How to seek and pursue that which is right and true;*

**All: How to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong.**

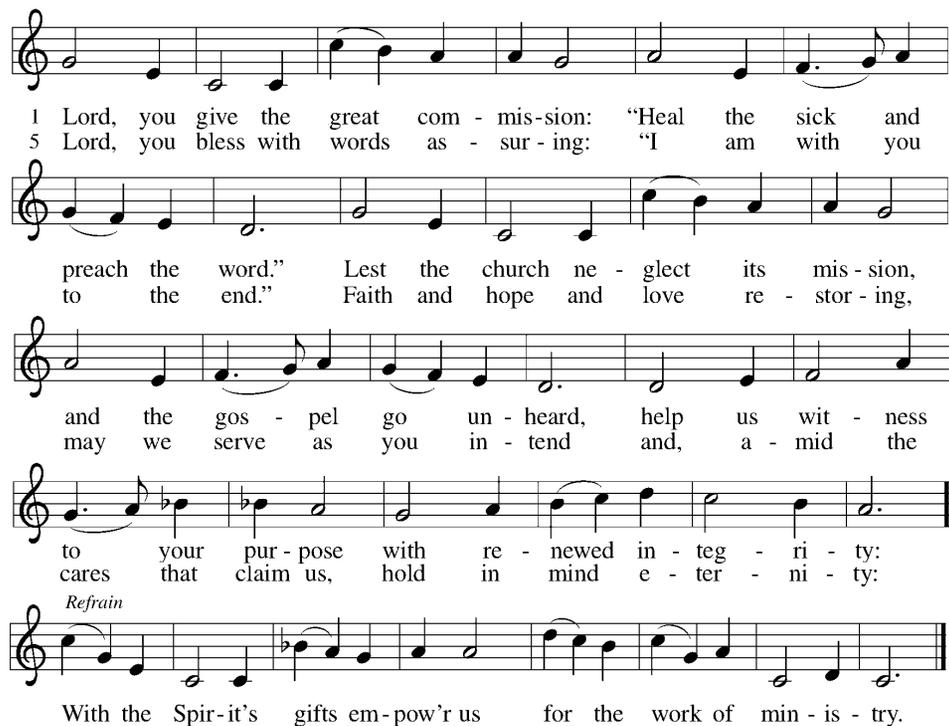
*P: Deepen their own faith so that they might instill in all a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long.*

**All: We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Please Stand

## HYMN . . . "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs. 1, 5

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn - Tune: Cyril V. Taylor - Cranberry Book #579



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you  
preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,  
and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the  
to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:  
*Refrain*  
With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Be Seated

## HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

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### INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: God is our chosen portion, the cup of our salvation, the bread of life.

**All: Let us share our gratitude for God's gift of everlasting presence as we share a portion of God's many abundant gifts with a world in need of the Easter miracle.**

## THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "Now Is the Time"



2  
Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;  
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.  
Christ is our way, our truth and light.  
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.  
Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble  
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing -  
clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.  
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.  
Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle.

**All: We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ.**

L: Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death: despair, poverty, sorrow, violence and loneliness.

**All: Help us live the Easter miracle that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for the other. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

L: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. We pray for the church. Show us your ways. Teach us your truth. Enliven us in mission. Keep us from discord. Lead us to unity for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For the earth. Turn us away from impulses to pollute this world. Protect fragile habitats. Nurture our planet to be a life-sustaining home for generations yet to be born. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For those in need. Draw near to those who struggle with depression. Comfort those for whom this day evokes heartache or sorrow. Console those who grieve, and heal those who are ill. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For this assembly. Bless mothers and all who offer motherly care. Strengthen child care workers, nursery attendants, and those who teach our youth. Uphold our elders and those who care for aging parents. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

L: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: Blessed are you God of promise. From the beginning you have shown people what could be.

**All: in the promise to Sarah and Abraham,**

L: in the words of Moses and Aaron,

**All: in the dance and song of Miriam,**

L: in the faithful relationship of Ruth and Naomi,

**All: in the dreams of Joseph.**

*P: Through Jesus you once again showed us what could be. He healed the ill, to show the power of your healing love, and to free them from their brokenness. He ate with women and men who were rejected and despised by others, to show us the expansiveness of your welcoming love, and to free them from the pain of alienation. At such a meal, on the night he was betrayed 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 in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, Jesus 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." Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, and upon us, your gathered community.*

**All: Empower us, feed us by your body and blood to be your body in the world: to feed the hungry, to heal the broken and stop the torture, to welcome the hurt and marginalized, to be as Christ to one another.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## FRACTION RITE

*P:* Come to the table of grace, for Christ is the vine, and we are the branches.

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*P:* Come to the table of love, for whoever does not love, does not know God.

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*P:* Come to the table of blessing, for Christ is here to abide in us, as we abide in him.

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

Be Seated

## THE LAMB OF GOD

Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh

mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

If you desire communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing Station in the narthex during communion.

## COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Received the Living God"

Text & Tune: Anonymous - Cranberry Book #477

*Refrain*

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

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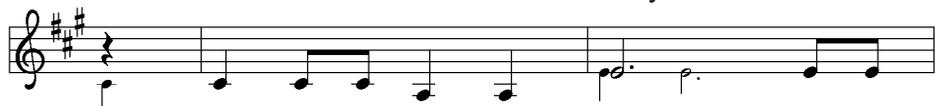
1 Je - sus said: I am the bread knead - ed long to give you life;  
 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;  
 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; if you fol - low close to me,  
 4 Je - sus said: I am the life far from whom no thing can grow,

*Refrain*

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 you will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

# COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Am the Bread of Life"

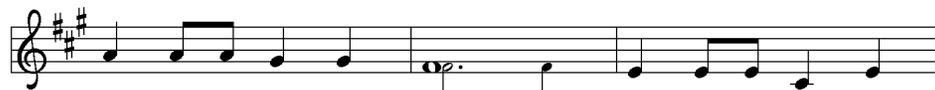
Text & Tune: Suzanne Toolan - Cranberry Book #485



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

# POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*L:* Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

**All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Be Seated

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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## GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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# BENEDICTION



*L:* May the Lord bless and keep you, make



his face shine up - on you, May the Lord smile up -



on you and give you peace.



**SENDING OUT HYMN . . . “Thy Holy Wings” vs 1, 2**

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg. - Tune: Swedish folk tune - Cranberry Book #613



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in Easter Peace and Joy!

All: Thanks be to God!

**Please join us on the patio for a  
Mother's Day Brunch!**

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Color a picture for your Mom!