

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

CHRIST CHURCH

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 17 (page 17)

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

*Hymn of Adoration

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal #377

Call to Confession

Ezekiel 18:30-32

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord God. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Father in heaven, the high ransom price of the blood of Your Son, Jesus, was paid for us, and yet we have failed to live the new life of righteousness and self-sacrifice and joy and love and mercy even though Your Word tells us that we have been made alive in Christ. Nor have we properly set our desires on heaven where Christ is bringing us and has promised to reward us. We have failed to

serve others with the new life Christ has gifted us. Forgive our proud faithlessness and cleanse us of it. We offer our plea in the name of Jesus who gave Himself that we might live. Amen.

Have Mercy

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Collect of the Day (unison)

O God, send Your Spirit to remove our stubbornness. Give us grace to be teachable and carefully submissive to Your leading. Teach us to love what You command and to desire what You promise. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:16-19

¹⁶ "You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.

¹⁷ You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.

¹⁸ And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers,

¹⁹to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

***Epistle Lesson**

2 Corinthians 11:14b

For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 4:1-7

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' "

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation**

"*Psalm 2*"

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Sermon

"So Who's Calling the Shots?"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response – Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response**

"In Christ Alone"

Praise Book #34

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**