



May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

Life at Grace Announcements

Opening Voluntary

“O God Beyond All Praising”
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. David Blackwell (9:30AM)

arr. Tedd Smith (11AM)

* Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Almighty God, your son Jesus Christ proved your love for us, in that while we were still sinners, he died for us.

Give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life,
as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen!

* Hymn 260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Awesome God, you fill us with compassion and courage, yet we often act with caution and timidity. We know your intentions for justice, yet we keep silent too often or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing. We are overwhelmed with your love, yet are hesitant to mention your name to another. We have been forgiven much, yet we harbor old resentments, hold on to past hurts and turn away from reconciliation and fellowship. Merciful Lord, in your love for us, restore us to clear thinking, fill our hearts with compassion and lead us to bold action in Jesus Christ. Let us be peacemakers, world-changers and praise-singers, through Jesus, by the power of your Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Response (Hymn 582) "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

VASILE

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

We share the peace of Christ as a sign that all of us are made new by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before sitting, share this peace with a friendly wave saying, "The peace of the risen Christ be with you!"

And also with you!

Praise

"Great Things"

by Jonas Myrin and Phil Wickham

Verse 1

**Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things**

Chorus

**O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things**

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You've done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

Psalter Lesson

Psalms 37:1-6, 23-24

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He

commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Message

“Right Person, Right Place, Right Time”

* Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Pastoral Prayer, Quilt Prayer, and 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 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

Time of Commitment

Tithes & Offerings

“Remembrance” (The Communion Song)

by Matt Maher and Matt Redman

Verse 1

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Chorus

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
(We respond to Your invitation)
We remember You

Verse 2

**See His body His blood
Know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place**

Bridge

**Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory**

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, you were God. Outside all we know you are God. After all is finished, you will be God. You pouring down rain, you opening the flowers, you feeding the insects, you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters, you holding us in the night; your smile on Sarah and Abraham, your hand with Moses and Miriam, your words through Deborah and Isaiah. Archangels sound the trumpets, angels teach us their song, saints pull us into your presence. And this is our song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God we remember your Son, his humble birth, his blessing of children, his touching the lepers, his eating with tax collectors and prostitutes, his feeding the 5000, his restoring sight to the blind. You lived as Jesus among us, dying among the wretched and rising to break the power of death, inviting us all to your feast. Your grace in Jesus Christ our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy: **Mercy!**
And so we cry, Glory: **Glory!**
And so we cry, Blessing: **Blessing!**

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit. Enliven this bread, awaken this wine to be the body and blood of Christ for us. Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united; make us, though broken, whole; make us, despite death, alive. And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three – our Life, our Mercy, our Might, our Table, our Food, our Server, our Light, our Treasure, our Way, our Truth, our Life – You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever! And so we cry, Amen:
Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer

*** Hymn 318**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*** Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

"Presto in F"
"Allegro"

G. F. Handel (9:30AM)
W. A. Mozart (11AM)

The quilt being prayed over in the Sanctuary is for Jill Bailey, in memory of her mother, Ele Bailey. Please keep Jill and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Participating in Worship

Rev. Dr. Tracey Davenport
Michael King
Trenton Hull
Andrew Packard
Ito Thomas
Clark Carradine
Roy Davis
Deann Collins
Mark Kinney

Pastor, Head of Staff
Director of Music Ministries
Worship Leader
Organist
Liturgist
Minute for Mission
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- *Seeking unity as we follow Christ,*
- *Loving and supporting each other,*
- *Learning and growing together, and*
- *Serving those in need in Plano and the world.*



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