

# *The Worship of God*

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

## Call to Worship

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race,  
called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds;  
tell of love that knows no limits, grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness into his most marvelous light,  
brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified,  
and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends,  
strong in faith and swift to answer each command your Master sends;  
royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer,  
give your lives in joyful service -- sing his praise, his love declare.

## Silent Meditation

*Keep on coming to God's door, because the one thing you can be sure of is that  
down the path, the God you call upon will finally come, and even if he doesn't  
bring you the answer you want, he will bring you himself. And maybe at the  
secret heart of all our prayers that's what we're really praying for.*

Frederick Buechner

## Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

## Pastoral Prayer

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

## New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

The Word of the Lord for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Preparation

**Take, O take me as I am.  
Summon out what I shall be.  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.**

Sermon

Prayer of Trust

Merciful and Almighty Lord,  
**hear us as we pray.**  
You are the source of all life and health;  
**heal our world.**  
You suffer with us in our pain;  
**mend our brokenness.**  
You give us everything good;  
**give us your peace.**  
You look upon us with grace;  
**forgive our sins.**  
You call us to care;  
**inspire us to be creative in our love for others.**  
You gift us for ministry;  
**empower us to be your people.**  
You will not leave or forsake us;  
**help us to walk with you.**  
Through Christ, our Guide and Companion, **Amen.**

Benediction

**Go in peace, live in grace,  
trust in the arms that will hold you.  
Go in peace, live in grace,  
trust God's love.**



*The Stoning of Saint Stephen*  
Rembrandt

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