



May 2nd, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lead Me to the Rock

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer
From the ends of the earth I call to You
(repeat)

*And when my heart is overwhelmed
When my heart is overwhelmed*

*Lead me to the rock (x3)
That is higher...*

Let me live forever in Your sanctuary
Safe beneath the shelter of Your wings
(repeat)

Opening Acclamation

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **People:** *The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Leader: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

- Matthew 22:37-40

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Psalm 26:1-7

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

Ever Be

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today
Faithful You have been

and faithful you will be
You pledge yourself to me and it's why I sing

*Your praise will ever be on my lips,
ever be on my lips (x4)*

You Father the orphan
Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness
And Your strength becomes our own
You're making me like you
clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes
For You will have Your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name
and it's why I sing

You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing
worthy are You Lord
(repeat)

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew [5:17-20, 38-48]

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven... 38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

Jesus' Two Great Commandments

Notes:

Prayers of the People

Leader: Join me in praying a prayer for FOR DAILY GROWTH by Richard of Chichester

Together: *Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me, and all the benefits thou hast given me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother: Grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

Oh Lord, show us your mercy	-	<i>and grant us your salvation</i>
Endue your ministers with righteousness	-	<i>and make your chosen people joyful</i>
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world	-	<i>For only in you can we live in safety</i>
Lord, keep this nation under your care	-	<i>And guide us in the way of justice and truth</i>
Let your way be known upon earth	-	<i>Your saving health among all nations</i>
Let not the needy, O Lord, Be forgotten	-	<i>Nor the hope of the poor be taken away</i>
Create in us clean hearts, O God	-	<i>And sustain us with your Holy Spirit</i>

(Standing) The Doxology

(Standing) THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

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

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Leader: It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

People: *You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.*

Leader: In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

People: *He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

People: *Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.*

Leader: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

People: *Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.*

Leader: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

People: *As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.*

Leader: With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

People: *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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (together)

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

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one
Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always

Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

*O God be my everything, be my delight
Be Jesus my glory, my soul satisfied (2x)*

High King of heaven, my vict'ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe

We live for You
*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are
and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

The Blessing

All of our problems: *We send to the cross* All of our difficulties: *We send to the cross*
All of the devil's works: *We send to the cross* And all of our hopes: *We set on the risen Lord!*

Leader: May God bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you, may he be gracious unto you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Announcements:

- If you'd like to join a group to **meet twice a month to pray for Redeemer**, contact Karen Getz at karengetz3@gmail.com or via her cell phone: 412-310-0496
- **Pastoral care:** After his vaccination is complete on May 1, Steve would like to meet in person with those who are comfortable. He is available for any special needs or occasions. Contact him personally by email (snoll822@gmail.com) or by phone (home: 412-741-7797 cell: 703-598-6143). In case of emergency, contact Melissa via her cell phone at 412-414-9980. She will make sure Steve gets the message in a timely fashion. As usual, you can email Melissa at rnbcares@gmail.com with any care needs as well.
- **Bellevue & Avalon Community Care Day trash pickup** is June 12th. Mark your calendars and let Melissa know if you're interested or would like to be a point person.
- **Prayer triads:** Connect with two other people twice a month to study scripture, pray for one another and keep each other accountable to obeying Jesus. Email Melissa at the main email (below) to get connected with others.
- Tentatively plan to **meet in the park for the month of May**, weather permitting.
- **Announcements:** Keep us in the loop with community events, service opportunities, or personal announcements! Email Melissa at our main email (below) with announcements.