

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## THE COMMON SERVICE

**Hymn ----- Dearest Jesus, We Are Here**

CW 295

1. Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly your command obeying;  
With this child we now draw near In response to your own saying  
That to you it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.
2. Lord, your Word is clear and plain, And we will obey it duly:  
“He who is not born again, Heart and life renewing truly,  
Born of water and the Spirit, Can my kingdom not inherit.”
3. *(Choir)* Therefore we have come to you, In our arms this infant bearing.  
Here we shall forgiveness view. May this child, your mercy sharing,  
In your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and yours forever.
4. Gracious Head, your member own; Shepherd, take your lamb and feed it;  
Prince of Peace, make here your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it.  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From your side this branch forever.
5. Now into your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
Our petitions heav’nward soar; May our warm desires be heeded!  
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

*Stand.*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**M:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font. (CW p. 13)*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Glory be to God*

*Gloria in Excelsis*



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

*Prayer of the Day*

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson ----- Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away,  
and you comfort me.  
Surely God is my salvation.  
I will trust him and will not be afraid,  
because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and  
song,  
and he has become my salvation.

Therefore with joy you will draw water from the  
wells of salvation.

In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name.  
Declare among the peoples what he has done.  
Proclaim that his name is exalted!  
Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing  
things!  
Let this be known in all the earth!  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of  
Zion,  
for the Holy One of Israel is great among  
you!

### Anthem ----- The First Song of Isaiah

*The congregation may join the choir singing this refrain as noted:*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong - hold and my  
sure — de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

*Refrain*

Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

*Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,  
ring out your joy,  
For the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.

*Refrain (sung twice)*

**Second Lesson ----- James 1:16–21**

Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls.

*Verse of the Day*

*John 14:6*

M: Alleluia. I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia.



*Stand.*

**Gospel ----- John 16:5-15**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; about judgment,

because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*





*Nicene Creed*

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated.*

Hymn of the Day ----- Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 377:1-5

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him!

2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
Yet deep and deeper still I fell; Life had become a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
3. My own good works availed me naught, No merit they attaining;  
My will against God's judgment fought, No hope for me remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left naught but death to be my share  
And hell to be my sentence.
4. But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation.  
A Father's heart he turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently;  
He gave his dearest treasure.
5. He spoke to his beloved Son: "Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown, And bring mankind salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with you forever."

**Sermon ----- John 16:5-15**

*He Sends to You the Counselor*

*Stand.*

**Hymn of the Day ----- Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

CW 377:6-10

6. The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.

7. To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me-I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine;  
The foe shall not divide us.
8. "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.
9. "Now to my Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, My help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be, Teach you to know and follow me,  
And in all truth will guide you.
10. "What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching;  
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's man-made laws  
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.  
This final word I leave you."

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*The Rite of Confirmation*

*Stand.*

*Prayer of the Church*

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."*

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
according to their needs.

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of the Gospel here and around the world.

- M: Father, You have provided a well of salvation, springing up from the empty tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lead us to drink deeply from His Word of life and never neglect His gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: O Holy One of Israel, cause Your Spirit of truth to reign in the Church, that what Christ has won for us would be declared joyfully and faithfully to sinners. Preserve our pastors, missionaries and all who serve Your Word. Increase among us thankfulness for Your compassion, for You are great in our midst. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Almighty God, You have enjoined us to be slow to wrath, for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Create in us kind and loving hearts, that we may love our neighbors and help and support them in every physical need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Lord of all, You sit in judgment over all the rulers of this world. Proclaim to them the witness of Your Spirit concerning sin, righteousness and judgment. Grant them ears to hear and the will to establish earthly righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Lord God, every good and perfect gift comes from You. Deal kindly with Your servants who are sick, injured or in need [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]. Renew those You have created in love, and grant us Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Merciful Lord, send Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, that convicted of their sin they may also be convinced that the righteousness of Christ is theirs, and in such repentance and faith receive the things of Christ declared in this Supper: His holy body and precious blood for the forgiveness of sins. Unite us by Your Spirit of truth in faith and confession, and comfort us with the knowledge that this world's prince is judged. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: O heavenly Father, You have taught us the new song of faith by the work of Your Holy Spirit. Quench in us, we pray, the old song of sin and death, which defies You and deifies man, and let us sing with all Christians in Your celestial harmony. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts, that we would confess our sins; obtain everlasting righteousness through faith in Christ; and through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things. We ask that You would graciously deliver us from all affliction to make us partakers of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*

C: **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.**

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*



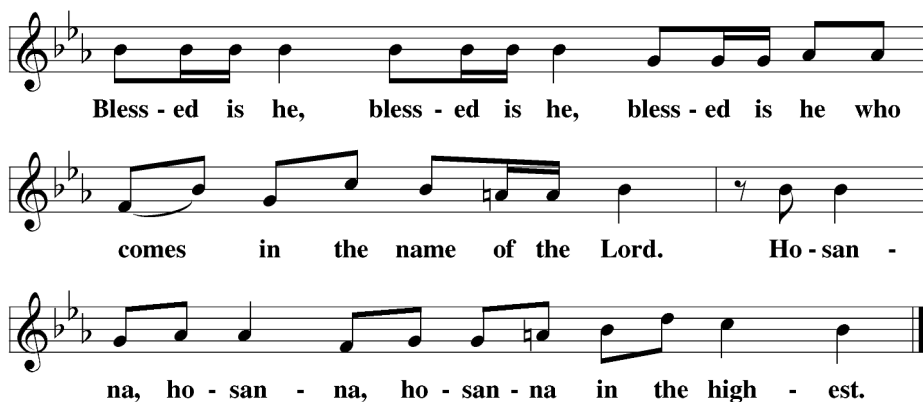
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

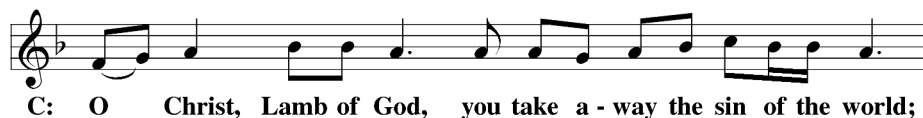
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



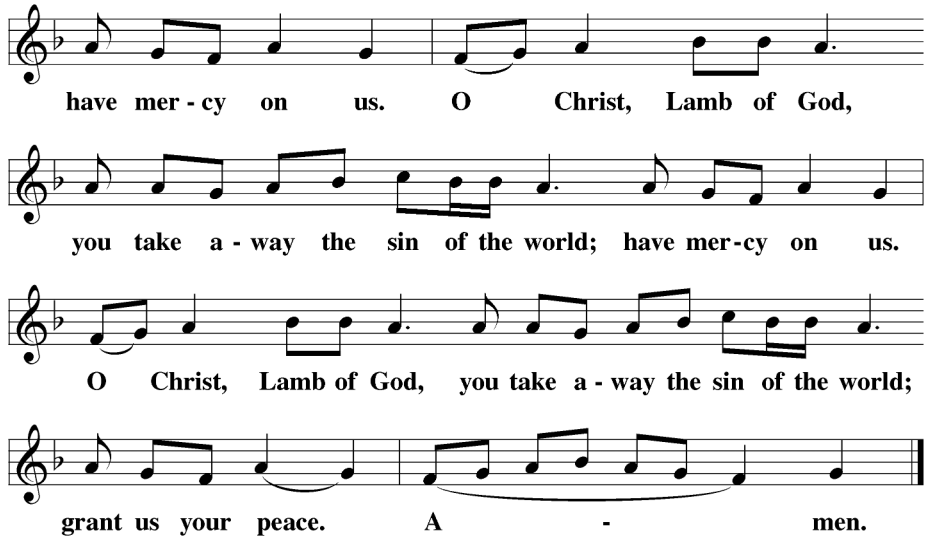
C: A - men.

### *O Christ, Lamb of God*

### *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



*Be seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

**Hymn ----- I Come, O Savior, to Your Table**

CW 310

#### *Refrain:*

Lord, may your body and your blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!

1. I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
 O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole. *Refrain*



2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,  
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.  
*Refrain*
3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.  
*Refrain*
4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,  
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!  
*Refrain*
5. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.  
*Refrain*
6. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.  
*Refrain*
7. You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,  
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.  
*Refrain*
8. By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,  
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. *Refrain*
9. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.  
*Refrain*
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding  
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,  
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.  
*Refrain*

11. Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
 Your blood, which you for me have shed-  
 These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed.  
*Refrain*
12. With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.  
 No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. *Refrain*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.  
 No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
14. Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer,  
 For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near.  
*Refrain*
15. My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.  
 With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

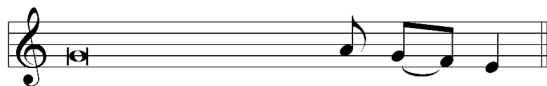
*After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:*

*Song of Simeon*

*Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated.*

**Hymn ----- God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

CWS 737

1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!

2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.
5. There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!



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