

**Order of Worship May 1, 2022  
Third Sunday of Easter**

*Gathering Music*

*ABOVE ALL*

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known;

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what you're worth.

*{Refrain}*

*Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone;*

*Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all. (repeat all)*

*Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all. <sup>i</sup>*

*LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH*

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high. <sup>ii</sup>

## Welcome

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

## Call To Worship (based on Psalm 30)

*Liturgist*

*L:* Sing praises to the LORD, and give thanks to God's holy name

**C. for the LORD our God has healed us when we cried for help and restored us in times of deepest despair.**

*L:* The LORD has turned our sorrow into dancing; taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy.

**A. Sing to the LORD without end, and give thanks to the LORD forever.**

## Hymn

## Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

**GTG #645**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

#### **Call to Confession**

*Liturgist*

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins. Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends. We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life. We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades. Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope peace to our world.

Amen.

#### **Words of Forgiveness**

God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime. The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel. Thanks be to God!

## HEARING THE WORD

### **Prayer of Illumination**

*Liturgist*

Living God with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit  
so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Old Testament Reading:**

**Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 9-11**

*Liturgist*

1. For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

### **Gospel Reading:**

**John 21: 1-19**

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21 1. Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.[a] It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.[c] When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some

bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

*Hymn*

*I Love You, Lord*

*GTG #627*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice,  
Take joy my King in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**Sermon**

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*"Choices and Chances"*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)**

**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 our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

*Liturgist*

In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts.

## **Offering**

### **Doxology**

**GTG #609**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Offertory Prayer**

*Liturgist*

God of life, savior of the poor, receive with this money gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride  
and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Anthem: In Remembrance of Me*

## **Invitation to the Table**

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### *The Great Thanksgiving*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to die your thanks and praise, loving God, creator and sustainer of all life.

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of Institution Breaking of the Bread**

### **Communion**

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### **Prayer After Communion**

#### ***Hymn     Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers (tune: Holy Manna)***

Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,  
As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;  
Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ is risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
All whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present, making us what he has been –  
Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

### **Benediction**

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### **Postlude**

*Steve Johnson*

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