



Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Prelude on St Denio

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GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Christ Arose!

R. Lowery, arr. A. Hill

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#289 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

HYMN TO JOY

*INVOCATION AND 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that your ways
are so much more loving than our ways.
We are aware that we are near-sighted
and self-concerned.
Forgive us Lord, when we create our own paths
while missing out on your directions.
Forgive us when we get angry at life's diversions
when they might actually be your Spirit leading us
beyond ourselves.
Forgive us when we refuse to be sidetracked
by your Spirit to touch the heart of another.
Forgive us when we determine whom we will care for
and whom we bypass.
Forgive us when we resist your invitation to break
out of our small circles into your much larger one.
We confess that we are just learning what it means
to truly surrender to the Holy Spirit's leading.
Help us to lift our eyes to a farther horizon
and a broader vision.
We know that we will find you there.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1-8

Pages 761-762, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: It's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Many: Your arms of love encompass me.

One: It's my neighbour, oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Many: Your arms of love encompass my neighbour.

One: It's the stranger, oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Many: Your arms of love encompass the stranger.

One: It's the whole world, oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

All: Your arms of love encompass the world.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#492 Spirit of the Living God

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#480 Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:26-40

Pages 131-132, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Allan Effa

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on Finding Hope

M. Logozar

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

IN BABILONE

THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

People: And also with you.

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "For All the Saints"

P. Fey

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Cheryl & Gary Krueger;

Prayers of the People - Jay Buhler;

Scripture Reading - Alex Bayne, Esther Steeves;

Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

*As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have
some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that
people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday
morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council