



11:00 Contemporary Worship
Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Prelude

Piano solo *Miren qué bueno (Behold, How Pleasant)*, arr. Aaron David Miller

Welcome and Announcements

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Gathering Song

SongSelect Here I Am to Worship

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us
grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share

his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 188 “*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*”

Gospel: John 14:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the

Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon: “Witnessing” – Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Song of the Day

SongSelect Glory to God Forever

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of life, strengthen your Church to proclaim your Gospel even in times of trouble. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between Church and world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, we give you thanks that this holy work you call us to is done with partners throughout the world. Today, we especially thank you for our siblings in the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala, who witness boldly in Latin America. We pray that we may partner with them to equip and empower many in their walk with you. We particularly pray that your Spirit encourage those in the MILAGRO program as women grow in their education and serve their communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, and those fleeing war and poverty. We pray for all who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reassuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For what else do we pray? ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us (*especially*). Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Song

ELW #817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Communion Song

SongSelect Behold the Lamb

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Benediction

The God of all,
who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

The children are invited to come up and assist in the Sprinkling Rite.

Remember that you are baptized.

Amen!

Sending Song

ELW #446 I'm Going on a Journey

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.