5th Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

GATHERING: God invites us to enter His presence

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (Time for Silent Preparation)

T CALL TO WORSHIP

Hob Pusey

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

—Matthew 11:28-29 NIV

Î INVOCATION (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

Loving God,

we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.

You are greater than we can understand;

open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus.

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.

You are wiser than we can know;

still our minds as we worship you

so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.

Loving God, in Jesus

you chose to come to the world in humility.

You chose the path the world saw as foolish.

You used what the world considered weak.

We worship and adore you. Amen.

POPENING HYMN 8

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSING: God invites us to be honest with Him

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hob Pusey

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures

and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

-based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

-based on Psalm 51:10-12

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hob Pusey

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

—from Acts 10:43, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

∱ GLORIA PATRI

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. A-men, A-men

The Peace The Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

OFFERING: Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

INVITATION Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.

In the company of the upright, let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have

received.

-based on Psalm 111:1

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Saxophone Duet - Greg Maurer, Pamela Johnson

↑ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, we bless you for all your many gifts to us.

We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude,
longing for the conviction and strength
to offer our whole lives to your service.

We pray especially today for your blessing on [recipient(s) of offering],
for whom these gifts are designated.

Grant them the wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of these gifts. We pray that they
will be encouraged in their work, and that their ministry may bear rich fruit in your kingdom.

↑ PREPARATION SONG Psalm 126 (See Screen)

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING: God speaks to us through His Work

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:12-14

¹² "Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

SERMON "Praying in Jesus' Name"

Rev. Tim Latham

SONG OF RESPONSE Blessed Be Your Name (See Screen)

RESPONDING: We respond to God's Word

PROFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen. -Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMISSIONING: God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

↑ COMMISSION HYMN 76 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing!

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Please stand if you are able.