

Hymns for May 11, 2025

Processional: NSB69 *How Great Thou Art*

Hymn of Praise: NSB191 *Glory in Excelsis*

Gradual: NSB27 *Blessed Assurance*

Offertory: *In Christ Alone*

Sanctus: S130 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Fraction: *Nativity Anthem*

Communion: H671 *Amazing Grace*

Recessional: NSB69 *How Great Thou Art*

Easter 4

The Word of God

(Holy Eucharist II Prayer C)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art (NSB69)

1.

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2.

When through the woods,
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

When I look down,

from lofty mountain grandeur

And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory in Excelsis (NSB 191)

1. Glory to God in the highest,
and Peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the lord.

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Testament Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request,

"Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints

and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Spoken Responsively by half verse

Psalm 23:1-6

1 Abba God is my shepherd;*

I shall not be in want.

2 Abba God makes me lie down in green
pastures*

and leads me beside still waters.

3 Abba God revives my soul*

**and guides me along right pathways for
God's Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;*

**for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*

and I will dwell in the house of Abba God for ever.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where

have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual *Blessed Assurance (NSB 27)*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the

Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual *Blessed Assurance (NSB 27)*

2. Perfect submission – all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of all living things.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman,
servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief,

he died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth
to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life. ***Amen***

The Prayers of the People (from *Form III*)

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,
for our community, the Church, and the
world:

Leader: Creator, we pray for unity within the
church of God and between all traditions;

Congregation: That we may be one family in
You as You are in us.

Leader: Grant that all who know you by any name may truly and humbly serve you and their neighbor;

Congregation: That you may be given all glory and honor by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and leaders in all traditions;

Congregation: That they may lead their people in truth and light.

Leader: We pray especially for our leadership team;

Congregation: That they remain always in Your care as they share their gifts in ministry to this community.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the communities, states, regions, and nations of the world;

Congregation: That they use their authority to benefit all the peoples of the world.

Leader: Give each of us gathered here grace, strength and courage to be examples of your Love in all that we do;

Congregation: That our words and deeds may bring your Spirit to others.

Leader: May our care for this world, our island home, show the gratitude and respect given by welcome guests;

Congregation: That our descendants may also celebrate and rejoice in your creation.

Leader: Have compassion on your people who are suffering from grief or troubles;

Congregation: That they know You walk beside them through these challenges.

Leader: Give to our beloved departed eternal rest;

Congregation: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: Let us pray, out loud or in silence, for our needs and the needs of others;

Celebrant: (concluding collect)

Congregation: Amen

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Time for Blessings

Offertory Sentence

Hymn During Collection

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
[And] on that cross as Jesus died,
[our human sin was magnified.
Yet Love thru him it did not fade];
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O God;

People: and of your own have we given you.

The Liturgy of the Table

Holy Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God

People: It is right to give our thanks and
praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us to have dominion and communion with creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another and the creation.

People: Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All (S130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: And so, Creator, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts, Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Christ, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship from generation to generation.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: God of Promise, you have
prepared a banquet for us, Alleluia!

People: Happy are those who are called to
the Supper of the Lamb, Alleluia!

The Fraction *Sung by All*

Fraction Anthem



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not



hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord,



those who trust in you will not thirst.

Celebrant: τὰ ἅγια τοῖς ἁγιοῖς

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Amazing Grace (H671)

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing of the Beloved

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art (NSB69)

3.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;

That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

4.

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation,
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim:

"My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

The Dismissal

Deacon:

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Announcements

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