



10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday, June 1st

PRELUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. Mark Hayes

Piano

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God has gone up with a shout,

C: **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

P: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.**

P: And behold, I am with you always,

C: **To the end of the age.**

P: I will not leave you as orphans;

C: **I will come to you.**

P: On this Ascension Sunday we celebrate that His promise to always be with us remains and will never fade away. Though Christ is ascended on high and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling and reigning over all creation, there have been times when we have lived as though we rule and reign over our own lives. We have lived as though Christ were too far away to matter. But our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confess our sins, and receive His forgiveness.

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father:

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: God did not leave us devoid of power and love. Christ ascended to His throne above but is with us still. The Holy Spirit did not give us faith for a short time but is with us throughout our time on earth. Your sins were forgiven by the death of Christ on the cross and by His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “His Mercy Is More”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

arr. Marie Rogers

Children’s Choir
Monica Jimenez, director

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:1-8 [ESV]

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-6 [ESV]

R: Alleluia! When we wander, we can trust Jesus!

C: Alleluia!

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *the Apostles' Creed*

SERMON HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate"

SERMON "WHEN WE WANDER, WE CAN TRUST JESUS"

OFFERING CONNECT

RESPONSE “Great Are You, Lord”

THE RITE of INSTALLATION

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“O the Blood”

“The Wonderful Cross”

Piano

arr. Labenske

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING RESPONSE “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

POSTLUDE

“ELLACOMBE”

Organ

arr. Peter Davis



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