

A Service of Installation

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Wednesday, April 29, 2020 (Observed May 3, 2020)

1:30pm

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✠ *God Gathers Us in His Presence* ✠

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross" *sts.ref-5*

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, who was, and who is to come. (Rev. 1:4-5)

People: Amen.

Leader: There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

(Eph. 4:4-6)

People: Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

Leader: For Christ appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

People: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the Body of Christ, and for serving a broken world. (Eph. 4:11-12)

Leader: And so we have come together in oneness of faith and in unity of hope through the Son of God.

People: We come to receive that grace, of which Christ is the only source; we come to bring that glory which is due to God alone.

Leader: In this unity we worship our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: While we have each been called to this one hope in Christ and brought to this one faith by the power of the Spirit in water and the Word, we are, at the same time, equally united in the fact that our very nature is fallen and depraved and we are each guilty of sin. This unity is borne out in our desire to be number one, and so we have in act and thought, through intention and accident, sought for all things to revolve around us.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature

self-centered and self-absorbed. Selfish with that which we arrogantly assume is ours: our time, talents and treasures. We have even been selfish with that which You have called us to freely share: Your forgiving grace. At home and at work, among strangers and friends alike, we have hesitated to share your mercy and hoarded your forgiveness, as if it were meant only for us. Father in heaven, for the sake of your Son, who gave Himself for us on the cross, forgive us the guilt of our sin and restore us unto Your service in the One Body of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: As an ordained servant of the Word, I announce the good news of the One who has called us all to faith and life in Christ, I tell you the truth: Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven! Go in peace and serve the Lord. Amen.

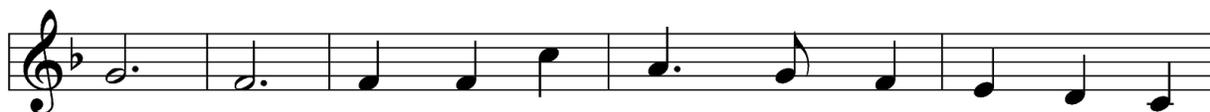
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. O almighty God, by Your Son, our savior, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed Your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach Your Holy Word and to administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 790 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" vs. 1, 2, 5



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. **2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. **3** And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." **4** But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." **5** And now the Lord says, he who formed

me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—

for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— **6** he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

PSALMODY

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? **2** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **3** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. **4** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **5** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. **6** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **7** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. **8** The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and

distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

ALLELUIA VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of

all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life † everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 578 "Thy Strong Word" vs. 1-2, 5-6



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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THE RITE OF INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. PHILLIP PLEDGER

BETHANY CHOIR- "Walk Worthy"

PRAYERS- Rev. Phillip Pledger

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.

BENEDICTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN LSB 861 "Christ Be My Leader" vs. 1-3



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

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