

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**St. Gregory's Episcopal Church**  
*May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

**PRELUDE**.....Ann Klein, Music Director

**THE REGINA COELI**

*During Eastertide, the Regina Coeli replaces the Angelus as the prayer rung on the church bells before worship. One set of nine rings accompanies the anthem, versicle, and response, and another set of nine the concluding Collect. You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.*

*The first three bells*                    O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia;  
For he who was born of your body, alleluia,

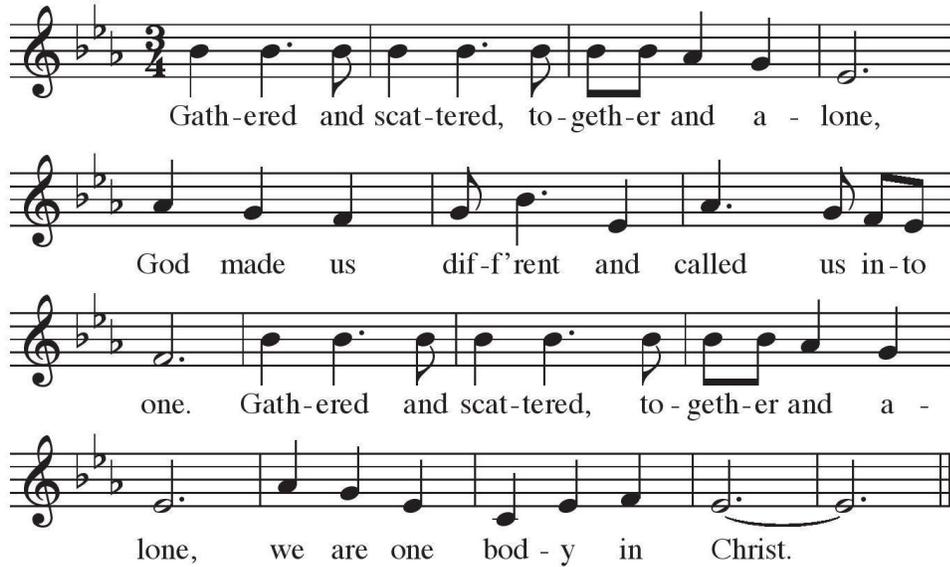
*The second three bells*                Has arisen, as he promised, alleluia:  
Pray for us to the Father, alleluia.

*The third three bells*                 V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

*The nine bells*                        O God, who by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, vouchsafed to give gladness to the world: Grant, we beseech you, that, with the help of the Virgin Mary his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

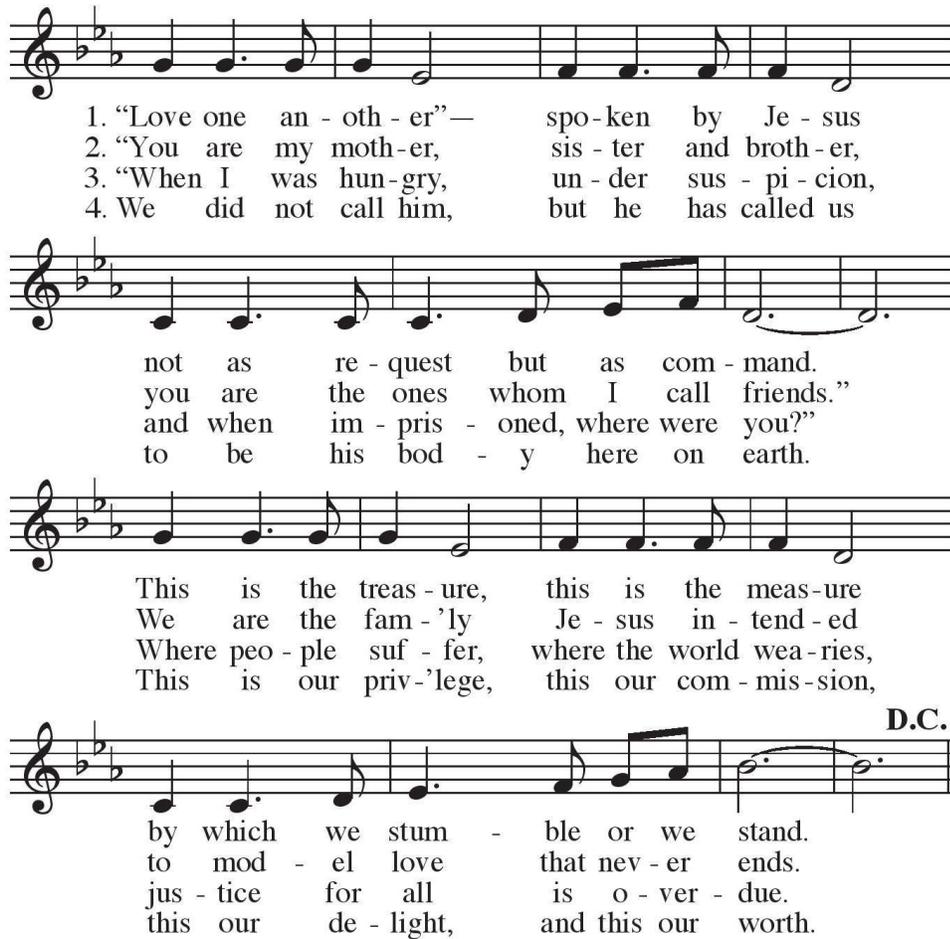
**ENTRANCE HYMN**.....*Gathered and scattered*

### Refrain



Gath-ered and scat-tered, to-geth-er and a - lone,  
God made us dif-f'rent and called us in-to  
one. Gath-ered and scat-tered, to - geth-er and a -  
lone, we are one bod - y in Christ.

### Verses



1. "Love one an - oth - er" — spo-ken by Je - sus  
2. "You are my moth-er, sis - ter and broth - er,  
3. "When I was hun-gry, un - der sus - pi - cion,  
4. We did not call him, but he has called us  
not as re - quest but as com - mand.  
you are the ones whom I call friends."  
and when im - pris - oned, where were you?"  
to be his bod - y here on earth.  
This is the treas - ure, this is the meas-ure  
We are the fam - 'ly Je - sus in - tend - ed  
Where peo - ple suf - fer, where the world wea-ries,  
This is our priv - 'lege, this our com - mis - sion,  
by which we stum - ble or we stand.  
to mod - el love that nev - er ends.  
jus - tice for all is o - ver - due.  
this our de - light, and this our worth.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*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. **Amen**

## GLORIA

1



Come, let's be sing - ing. Sing al - le - lu - ia!

2



Come, let's be sing - ing. Sing al - le - lu - ia!

3



Come, let's be sing - ing. Sing al - le - lu - ia!

Setting: Hebrew round.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1-18*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then

Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE** (*chanted in unison*)

*Psalm 148:3-4,7-14*

- 3 Praise God, sun and | **moon**; \*  
praise God, all you shining | **stars**.
- 4 Praise God, heaven of | **heavens**, \*  
and you waters above the | **heavens**.
- 7 Praise God from the | **earth**, \*  
you sea-monsters and all | **deeps**;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and | **fog**, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing God's | **will**;
- 9 Mountains and all | **hills**, \*  
fruit trees and all | **cedars**;
- 10 Wild beasts and all | **cattle**, \*  
creeping things and winged | **birds**;

- 11 Sovereigns of the earth and all | **peoples**, \*  
 Leaders and all rulers of the | **world**;
- 12 Young men and | **maidens**, \*  
 old and young to|**gether**.
- 13 Let them praise your Name, O | **Lord**, \*  
 for your Name only is exalted,  
 your splendor is over earth and | **heaven**.
- 14 You have raised up strength for your people  
 and praise for all your loyal | **servants**, \*  
 the children of Israel, a people who are near you.  
 Halle|**lujah**!

**THE EPISTLE**

*Revelation 21:1-6*

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
 He will dwell with them as their God;  
 they will be his peoples,  
 and God himself will be with them;  
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
 Death will be no more;  
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
 for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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*People*             **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ALLELUIA**



**THE GOSPEL**

*John 13:31-35*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the others so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Matthew Wright*

**THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*the Leader and People pray responsively*)

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Andy, Allen, and Mary, our bishops; Matthew and Susan, our priests,  
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joseph our President, and for all who govern  
and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

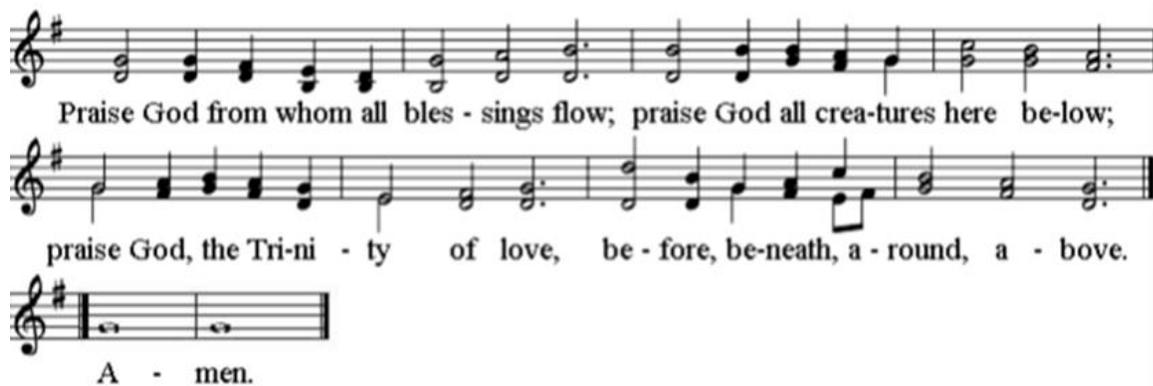
## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may be made.*

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (*sung by choir*)

### **DOXOLOGY**



Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise God, the Tri-ni - ty of love, be - fore, be-neath, a - round, a - bove.  
A - men.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your Name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*If you are unable to physically participate in Communion, you may offer a Prayer of Spiritual Communion during this time.*

### **A Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*A brief period of silence follows.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**.....*He came down*  
*(please see next page)*

1 He came down that we may have love; he  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may  
 came down that we may have light; he came down that we may  
 came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may  
 came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may

6  
 Leader: Why did he come?  
 have love; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
 have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
 have peace; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
 have joy; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.

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*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**