

Sunday, May 10, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing, and with the cathedral closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.

Officiant: Dan Tatarnic;

Homilist: J Lefebvre;

Soloist and Cantor: Jeremy Ludwig; **Organ:** Michael Bloss

Words of Welcome

Sentence – I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me (John 14.6)

Music – The Call (*from Mystical Songs*) – Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love

Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

Risen Christ, give us grace
to love one another,
to search for truth,
and to walk in the ways of justice and peace,
so that we may abide in the Father's love always.

All

A - - - - - men.

Hymn – God is Love

Sung by the assembly

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is, God in truth is there.

Verses



Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
When we Chris-tians ga - ther, mem-bers of one Bo - dy,
Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad-ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord, but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O sa - viour, in its glo - ry.



Let us all re - vere and love him, God e - ter - nal.
Ban-ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



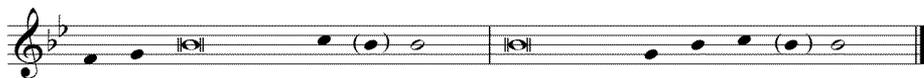
Let each love Christ in sis - ters and in bro - thers.
Christ, our God, be pre - sent al - ways here a - mongst us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prai - ses.

Psalm 84: 1-7 *Quam dilecta*

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all as introduced by the cantor.



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / God of / hosts!
 my soul has a desire and longing for your courts:
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in / you, O / liv-ing God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young;
 by the side of your altars O God of hosts, my / God who/reigns •
 over / me.
- 3 They are happy who / dwell in • your / house!
 they will / always • be / praising / you.
- 4 The people whose strength is in / you are / happy!
 the people whose hearts are / set on • the / pil-grim's / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of / springs,
 for the early rains have / covered it • with / pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from / height to / height;
 the God of gods/ will be / seen in / Zion.



You have made us but little lower than the **an**-gels;
you adorn us with **glory** and honour.

You give us mastery over the works of **your** hands;
you put all things **under** our feet.

All sheep **and** oxen,
even the **wild** beasts of the field.

The birds of the air, the fish of **the** sea,
and whatsoever walks in the **paths** of the sea.

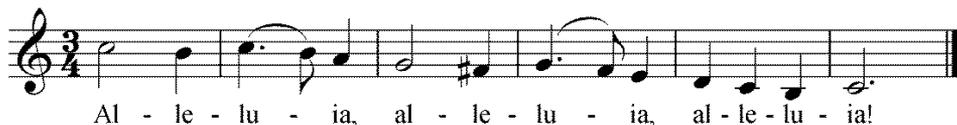
O God our **governor**,
how exalted is your **name** in all the world.

Glory to God, Source of all **be**-ing,
eternal Word and **Ho**-ly Spirit

as it was in the be-**gin**-ning
is now and will be for-**ev**-er. Amen.

Gradual Alleluia

(assembly joins in the refrain, cantor sings the verse.)



*I am the way, the truth,
and the Life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father
except through me*

Word (Luke 4: 16-30)

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

Now, when they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Words of Reflection – Rev. Canon J Lefebvre

And sent the rich away empty.



You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**
To remember the **promise** of mercy
The promise you made to our **forebears**
To Abraham, Sarah and their **children** for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy Spirit**
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for ever. Amen.

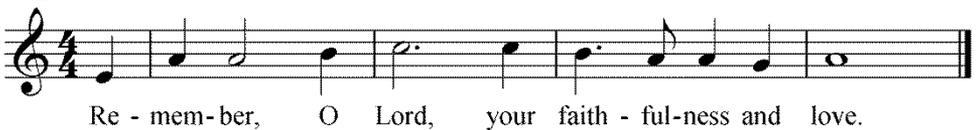
Collect

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Generous God, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your house of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share in the work of peace; through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. **Amen**

The Litany

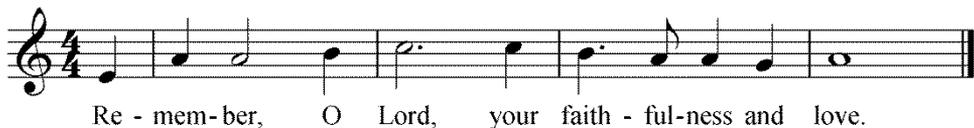
Response *(The organ plays the refrain, and then all repeat after each petition.)*



Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Let us pray to Christ the Redeemer, who suffers with us on the cross of a broken and hurting world; may he give us a share in the joy of His resurrection.

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.



Christ of the Garden, when all was in stillness and quiet, you shattered the chains of death; come to us now, in our hour of need, and bring warmth to the chill of this long night

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ of the New Creation, your word goes forth and does not return to you empty; vivify our parched lives in the fresh waters that spring forth from the well of our salvation

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ of the Resurrection and new life, grant that we who must passover from this life, may die with you in death, and rise with you in glory

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ the Servant King, you offer reconciliation to fractured lives, and healing to broken worlds; give to nations of this earth, wisdom and prudence to govern in the spirit of your example

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ the Word of Life, breathe upon the isolation and uncertainty of a world that longs for hope; embrace us in the strong love that bridges all doubt, all distance, and all that would divide us.

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

The Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one, and pray as our Saviour taught us,

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 forever. Amen.

Hymn – God of the Future

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2004

Music: Alfred V. Fedak, based on hymn tune HERNDON



God of the fu - ture, call - ing us for - ward, thaw our in -
Where we think jus - tice will crown our jour - ney, teach us in
Wi - den our vi - sion to grasp a mis - sion broad - er than
For our fore - bo - dings give us a fore - taste of all you



er - tia, and wean us from greed; trans - form false com - fort
mer - cy to seek our true home; when end - ing blood - shed
an - y we dream on our own; help us sur - ren - der
call us to do and to be; God of the fu - ture,



in - to com - mit - ment that we may serve you in word and in deed.
seems our best pur - pose, show us the deep peace that lives in sha - lom.
all that would hin - der our full in - ten - tion to be yours a - lone.
still lead us for - ward to live as peo - ple whom Christ has set free.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

May the Morning Star which never sets find the flame of His love burning in our hearts, when he comes again in glory.

Amen.

Music – Antiphon V (*How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou*) Op.18 No.5 – Marcel Dupré
(recorded June, 2018 at the St. Sebastiankirche, Kuppenheim, Germany)