Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m. May 7, 2023

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Life in the Community

*Hymn 667 ***When Morning Gilds the Skies*** LAUDES DOMINI

*Expressing Our Joy Reece Humphreys

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!
People: Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouth of babes and infants, thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
Leader: When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established;
People: what are human beings that thou art mindful of them, mortals that thou dost care for them?
Leader: Yet thou hast made them a little less than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
People: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! (Psalm 8)
Leader: May the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Confidence and Trust

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Christ our Lord, you have graced our lives with a love lavish beyond measure. Emptied of any selfish ambition, you poured yourself out for us with a resolution that shames our pale commitments. The depth and breadth of your love should inspire us to a ministry knowing no boundaries and no limits in its kindness. Our response has hardly been as generous. We are timid in love and cautious in affection. Christ our Savior, have mercy on us. Cleanse our hearts. Through your loving spirit empower us to love as you have loved us.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession and The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 686 ***God of Our Life*** SANDON

Psalm 8 (RSV) [You will find the text on page 466 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*** (Hymn 523) BICENTENNIAL

Romans 5:1-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 145 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation ***Being Human*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper
(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 687 ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*** ST. ANNE

Benediction

*Going Out into the World

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*Those that are able, please stand.