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A friendly reminder to those who are worshipping in-person, please have your mask on (covering your mouth and nose) and maintain social distancing at all times during the service. Additionally, we cannot have congregational singing at this time, so during the hymns we invite you to listen to the choristers and follow along with the words printed in the bulletin. We thank you in advance for adhering to these Diocesan protocols which keep us all safe and allow for us to worship in-person.

Prelude

Organ Air In D J.S. Bach/Dirst

[Please stand as you are able]

Processional Hymn (Schola only)

Hymnal 400

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

4. Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:

5. All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:

7. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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.

The Gloria (Schola only) *Hymnal S280*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day *BCP 225*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[You may be seated]

Lesson *Acts 10:44-48*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the

gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (Schola only)

Sing to the Lord a new / song, *
for he has done marvelous / things.

With his right hand and his holy / arm *
has he won for himself the / victory.

The Lord has made known his / victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight
of the / nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of / Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory
of our / God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you / lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing.

Sing to the Lord with the / harp, *
with the harp and the voice of / song.

With trumpets and the sound of the / horn *
shout with joy before the King, the / Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it, *
the lands and those who dwell there / in.

Let the rivers clap their / hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the / earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the / world *
and the peoples with / equity.

Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Epistle of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able.]

Gospel Hymn (Schola only) *Hymnal 292*

O Jesus, crowned with all renown,
since thou the earth hast trod,
thou reignest and by thee come down
henceforth the gifts of God.
Thine is the health and thine the wealth
that in our halls abound,
and thine the beauty and the joy
with which the years are crowned.

Lord, in their change, let frost and heat,
and winds and dews be given;
all fostering power, all influence sweet,
breathe from the bounteous heaven.
Atemper fair with gentle air
the sunshine and the rain,
that kindly earth with timely birth
may yield her fruits again:

That we may feed the poor aright,
and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angel's sight,
repay thee of thine own:
That we may praise thee all our days,
and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
the Savior's love proclaim.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

**[You may be seated after
the sermon opening prayer]**

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

[Please stand as you are able]

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.

Prayers of the People *Form III, BCP 387*

Father, 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons; for
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Daniel, Bishop of
Uruguay; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson,
our Bishop;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world; for Joe, our President, Kevin
our Governor, and David, our Mayor;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we under-
take;

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, especially Miles
Kolliopoulos, Ethelyn Mills, Mark Winner, Gladys
Law, Sue Jones, Steven Tipton and Melba Huber, and
for those we hold in memory this day.

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 king-
dom.**

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

[Special intentions]

[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.]

Confession

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[You may stand or kneel as you are able]

[Silence is kept]

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.

Absolution

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.**

Peace

[Please stand as you are able]

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

[You may share a greeting of peace
with those near you without touching]

Children's Message

[You may be seated]

[Children are invited to come forward]

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*[Please place your offering in the
Offering Box located in the center aisle,
or send a text message to 73256
and enter Stpaulsokc\$ and an amount.]*

Offertory

Sacerdotes Domini incensum et panes
offerunt Deo et ideo sancti erunt Deo suo
et non pollutent nomen eius. Alleluia.

*Then did priests make offering of incense
and loaves of finest wheat to God
and therefore they shall be holy to their Lord God
and shall not defile his most holy name. Alleluia.*

Music: William Byrd

Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

[Please stand as you are able]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

Sanctus (Schola only)

Hymnal S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

[Please stand or kneel as you are able]

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In

him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem (Schola only)

Hymnal S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated]

During this season of coronavirus we will have communion in one kind only (the bread). The celebrant will consume the consecrated wine on behalf of the congregation. While this may feel incomplete to some, our tradition tells us that to receive communion in one kind (bread or wine) is to receive communion fully. We will return to communion in both kinds when we can safely do so.

Please sanitize your hands before and after receiving. To receive, move toward the front of the church when the usher indicates it is your turn. Please maintain social distancing from others in the communion line. When it is your turn to receive, you can extend your hands and receive the host, walk away from the priest, and then quickly pull down your mask to consume. Please replace your mask immediately after receiving.

If you wish to refrain from communion, you can come forward to receive a contact free blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

If you require a gluten-free wafer please tell the priest when you come forward.

Communion Hymn (Schola only)

Hymnal 577

*God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there.*

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.

Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.

Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.

Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.

Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.

Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Post-Communion Prayer *BCP 365*

Let us pray.

[Please stand or kneel as you are able]

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living mem-
bers 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.**

Easter Blessing *Book of Occasional Services*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn (Schola only) *Hymnal 344*

[Please stand as you are able.]

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

So that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden

J.S. Bach

(Christ lay in death's strong bands)

The flowers in the Cathedral are given
to the glory of God by Sarah Musler
in thanksgiving for all mothers
in this life and the next.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's organ prelude is the lovely and familiar *Air* from Johann Sebastian Bach's "Orchestral Suite No. 3". The flute stop is featured against the string sounds of our organ. The organ arrangement has been made by Houston organist Matthew Dirst. Dr. Dirst is on the faculty of the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston and is on the staff at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston.

The postlude is also by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), the great German baroque composer. The Easter chorale, "Christ lag in Todesbanden (*Christ lay in death's strong bands*)", is found in our Hymnal at No. 185 and 186. This setting for organ can be found in the collection known as the Little Organ Book (*Orgelbüchlein*), a set of 46 chorale preludes for organ.

The Offertory is a standard anthem in the English Church, "Sacerdotes Domini", by William Byrd (1543-1623). Widely considered to be one of the greatest composers of the Renaissance and one of the greatest British composers, he had a huge influence on composers both from his native England and those on the continent. He wrote in many of the forms current in England at the time, including various types of sacred and secular polyphony, keyboard, and consort music. Although he produced sacred music for Anglican services, sometime during the 1570s he became a Roman Catholic and wrote Catholic sacred music later in his life.

HYMN NOTES

All creatures of our God and King - Hymnal 400
The life of the founder of the Franciscan monastic order is most astounding. St. Francis of Assisi was born to wealth but forsook all for a life of asceticism, mysticism and charitable works. An early environmentalist, his "Canticle of the Sun" (on which this hymn is based) was the first genuine religious poem in the Italian language. St. Francis saw all of nature and everything - including death - as praising God.

O Jesus, crowned with all renown - Hymnal 292
Traditionally, the three days before Ascension have been observed as Rogation days, set aside for the special blessing of the crops. Written by Archbishop Benson while headmaster of Wellington, this text was first published in 1860. The music, arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, was first found in English Country Songs. This same tune in Ireland is known as THE STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN.

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing - Hymnal 344
The author, best known for "Blest be the tie that binds," probably intended this hymn for the last Sunday of the year. Fawcett was an English Baptist minister who wrote over 160 hymns, mostly to be sung after his sermons.

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