

# Order of Worship + May 24, 2020

**Prelude: Reflection on "Thaxted" by David Blackwell**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please take a few moments for silent reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

## **Announcement of God's Forgiveness**

**P:** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**Opening Hymn (vss. 1, 5-7)**

**LBW #88**

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**Oh, Love, How Deep**

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, Be -  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race, Of  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore His  
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; For

yond all thought and fan - ta - sy, That  
 high - er or of low - er place, But  
 ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore; For  
 us his dai - ly works he wrought, By

God, the Son of God, should take Our  
 wore the robe of hu - man frame, And  
 us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew; For  
 words and signs and ac - tions thus Still

mor - tal form for mor - tal's sake!  
 to this world him - self he came.  
 us the tempt - er o - ver - threw,  
 seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;  
For us he went on high to reign;  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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## **Salutation**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray...

**C:** **Almighty God, Jesus ascended to the throne at your right hand.  
Help us to trust in his never-ending presence, that we may bear  
witness to your grace until the day we celebrate with all the  
saints around your throne; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Lesson:**

**Acts 1:1-11**

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with<sup>[a]</sup> water, but in a few days you will be baptized with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Announcement**

**Luke 24:44-53**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to

Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Children's Sermon (Sunday Only)**

**Kyle Jones**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Ken Nelson**

**Sermon Hymn**

**LBW #476**

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**Have No Fear, Little Flock**

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank-ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

## Nicene Creed

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church with the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: 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 Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we praise you that your Son ascended into heaven and reigns at your right hand. May the comfort of Christ's rule direct us in all our doings, and may you fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in you.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Give us, O Lord, peace and justice on earth. Especially on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have sacrificed their very lives to defend justice. Let there always be courageous men and women who stand up for good and just causes.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for all faithful followers of Christ around the world who are being persecuted for their faith. Encourage and comfort them with your promises, and may their courage and hope inspire us to greater service in your name.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Healing Lord, grant your mercy and healing Spirit upon all those who are battling illness, disease, loneliness, or heart break. Give them your comfort and fill them with all hope that Jesus has overcome the world and so overcomes death and the devil. We remember especially Mary Dresser and all those we name before you now...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **Peace of Christ**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

C **Amen**



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Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness  
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;  
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 Where thy bod - y lay.  
 Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;  
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

**Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Participants for Service Recording:**

**Presiding Minister:** Ken Nelson

**Substitute Organist:** David Bahrke

**Assisting Minister:** Lynnae Douglas

**Lector:** Kyle Jones

**Children’s Sermon:** Kyle Jones

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