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# Sunday Worship

May 3, 2015 – 10:00 AM

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (\* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

#### \*Gathering Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*(Refrain:)* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

**Priest:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Priest:** 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.**

#### \*Song of Praise: Hosanna – Brenton Brown

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; We turn to You: Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; We long for You.

*(Chorus:)* 'Cause when we see You; we find strength to face the day; In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us; We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; We turn to You; In Your Kingdom broken hearts are made new. You make us new. *(Chorus)*

**\*All:** 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

**A Reading from I John**

(3:18-24)

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gradual Song:** Praise Adonai – Paul Baloche

Who is like Him? The Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne; Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.

*(Chorus:)* Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun, 'til the end of every day; Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints sing praise.

**\*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(15:1-8)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

**Sermon** (please be seated)

**\*Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** 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**

**Leader:** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For Manakin Sabot, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the Hub Tavern and Grille, that business would increase, and many families and groups of friends would grow closer while sharing meals there, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the congregations and clergy of St. David's, Ashburn; Christ Church, Charlottesville; Grace Church, Keswick; St. John the Baptist, Ivy that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For the Churches and Religious Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: That the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may awaken and heal every heart in every corner of Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, Goochland, Henrico, Powhatan, and all surrounding counties and towns, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would fulfill its God given purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** In the communion of St. Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord our God.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### \*Exchange of Peace

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory: God of This City - Chris Tomlin

You're the God of this city; You're the King of these people; You're the Lord of this nation; You are.

You're the light in this darkness; You're the hope to the hopeless; You're the peace to the restless; You are.

There is no one like our God. There is no one like our God.

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city. Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city.

*(Repeat from beginning)*

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done here.

There is no one like our God. There is no one like you God.

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city. Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done.

We believe, we believe in you God. Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city.

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done here; Greater things are still to be done here.

**\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\* Eucharistic Prayer**

**Priest:** Christ is risen!

**All:** Christ is risen indeed.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Priest:** Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**All (Sung):** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**All:** All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

**Priest:** Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All:** Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

**Priest:** Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

**All:** 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.

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** 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.

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Priest:** 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.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song:** Draw Me Close – Kelly Carpenter

Draw me close to You, Never let me go. I lay it all down again. To hear You say that I'm Your friend. You are my desire, no one else will do; cause nothing else could take Your place. To feel the warmth of Your embrace, Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed, You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

**Hear our Praises** – Reuben Morgan

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

*(Chorus:)* From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *(Chorus)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

**Priest:** Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks are to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Remember in your prayers:**

Larry Kidd  
The Symphony Retirement Community  
Ken Killian, Pete LeViness' stepfather

Sonny Baharloo  
Christians in the Middle East  
Wayne Connors

Robin and John Snow  
Paula Gordon  
Linda Eggleston

**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin  
**Other Members:** Larry Kidd

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker  
Libby Clark

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalcers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
3-May	Bobbie LeViness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
10-May	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker
17-May	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford
24-May	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
31-May	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Jun	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, May 10	Sunday Worship (Mother's Day – no pot luck)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 13	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 14	Region XII Ascension Day Service	Roslyn	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	Sunday Worship, followed by pot luck lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 24	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

### Our Missional Communities:

**The Parke** will meet on Sunday, May 3, to prayer walk The Parke, Centerville. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com). **The Park** will meet on May 17 at 5:00 p.m. for pot luck.

**Symphony** - Bobbie and Pete LeViness will both be away on Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day weekend), which is normally the Sunday they would offer a worship service at Symphony Hall. If anyone is interested in leading a worship service that Sunday at Symphony Hall (from about 9:00 to about 9:45am) on May 24, please contact Bobbie as soon as you can at: [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com)

**The Garden** will meet on May 17 after the covered dish lunch.

**Financial Update** - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
<b>2015</b>			
1st Quarter	<b>\$23,344.99</b>	<b>\$24,228.82</b>	<b>(\$883.83)</b>
April	\$7,250.33	\$7,918.67	<b>(\$668.34)</b>
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
June	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u><b>\$0.00</b></u>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$7,250.33</b>	<b>\$7,918.67</b>	<b>(\$668.34)</b>
<b>2015 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$30,595.32</b>	<b>\$32,147.49</b>	<b>(\$1,552.17)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u><b>Beginning</b></u>	<u><b>Ending</b></u>	
<b>YTD 2015</b>	\$32,005.82	\$30,453.65	<b>(\$ 1,552.17)</b>

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