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Sunday Worship

May 8, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Seventh 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 today. 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.

***Gathering Song: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!**

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food our stay! Alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne: you within the veil, have entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: by your Spirit, left us heavenward, in the Eucharistic feast!

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

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: When I Needed A Saviour**

Looking back on time seeking to remind myself of all Your mercies, I can testify on every page of life Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope, poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling, and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

When I needed a Saviour, You were there, You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there, You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there, You were there. You are here, You are here.

Ever since the day I looked upon the cross I've realized Your mercy. For every stage of life, sweet and bitter times Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope, poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling, and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

When I needed a Saviour, You were there, You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there, You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there, You were there. You are here, You are here with me.

***All: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

A Reading from Revelation

(22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21)

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song: Draw Me Close**

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.

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

(17:20-26.)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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: On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.
That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all people may receive the good news of his victory:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ, especially _____:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That Your Church may be a witness to Your resurrection throughout the world as well as here at home:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That our bishops, Michael, Shannon, Susan, and Ted may be witnesses to Your resurrection in everything they do:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That those whose calling and gifting is to bring the gospel to families with young children would be added to our fellowship:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the people of Christ Church, Glen Allen; St. James', Warrenton; Christ Church, Charlottesville; All Souls, Atlee; and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who serve our communities, especially sheriff's deputies, firefighters, EMT's, and military personnel and veterans have Your peace, wisdom, and protection:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For QT Nails that business would increase:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God.

All: To You, O Lord, our God.

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: Everything Cries Holy

(Verse:)

We see the Lord, and He is high upon the throne and His glory fills the heavens and the earth. One like a lamb who was slain is on the throne, so I cast my crown before you and bow down to praise.

(Chorus:)

For everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy to You, Lord. For everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy to You, Lord.

***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 your hearts to heaven.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest: It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. 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 your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us:

All: God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

All: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

Priest: For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

All: Praise, glory and love be yours this and every day from us and all people here and everywhere. 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: The Heart Of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come. Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart. I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

(Chorus:) I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours, every single breath. I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart. *(Chorus)*

***Post-Communion Prayer:** 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**

***Song of Dismissal: Greater Grace**

Long ago even before, You made the world, You chose me. Through what Christ would do, a greater grace You gave to me. You are the source, and Jesus is the means.

Forgiveness, adoption, acceptance Is Your grace, and I fall on my face and I yield to You.

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. & Sr.)
The Symphony Retirement Community
John Madden
Sonny Balarloo

Pat Martin
Allie & Jenny Morris
Bill Morgan and family
Ernest Jordan

Rachel Pizarz
Joseph Moore
Lou Ware

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Larry Kidd
Michie Lloyd

Junior Warden: Richard Walker
Libby Clark

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalicers. 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>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
May 8	Rick Lloyd	Richard Walker	Rick Lloyd, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
May 15	Bobbie LeViness	MJ Weatherford	Marian Elam, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
May 22	Bill Weatherford	Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Jack Martin	Michie and Rick Lloyd, Larry Kidd
May 29	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	Gage Haack, Larry Kidd
Jun 5	MJ Weatherford	Rick Lloyd	MJ Weatherford, Rick Lloyd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, May 11	Vestry Committee Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
	Theology on Tap	Keegan's	6:30 p.m.
	Caregivers' support Group	St. Francis	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 15	Worship Service followed by pot luck	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 22	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Our Missional Communities:

Caregivers' Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hedy Walker. Contact Hedy at richardandhedy@yahoo.com or Susan Kidd at sokidd@comcast.net.

Color Me Friends meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis. Contact Carol at carolsdream@gamil.com.

Theology on Tap meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Keegan's at 6:30 p.m. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

The Garden: This winter we doubled the size of The Garden and will plant a variety of vegetables in the new half of the plot. We will not have a large yield from any of these vegetables, but we will learn which ones grow well and could be potential future crops. On March 31, we planted five rows of collards that should be ready for harvest in May or June. The seeds are already coming up.

A flyer with garden information is posted at the Goochland Food Pantry with an invitation to all who would like to help. The Garden also has its own business cards and email address. If you are interested in being on the mailing list for The Garden, make contact by going to thegarden1484@gmail.com and ask to be put on the mailing list.

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