

5th Sunday of Easter Sunday Morning Worship

Opening sentences

The stone that the builders rejected,
has become the cornerstone. Alleluia!

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn LHB 158 Jesus lover of my soul

Confession and forgiveness

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

**We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by our own fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake,
forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to eternal life. Amen.**

-Silent confession-

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.
Amen.

Restore us again, O God our Saviour.
Do not be angry with us any longer.

Psalm 31:1-5,15,16

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.
Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.
Into your hands I commit my spirit.
My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,
from those who pursue me.
Into your hands I commit my spirit.

Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.

Into your hands I commit my spirit.

Hymn LHB 392 How firm a foundation

Prayer of the day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

Loving heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. Strengthen our faith, so that we remain united with him and bear the fruit of love.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings

The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

(After the reading)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

(After the reading)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

(After the reading)

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Jesus

Hymn LHB 355 May we Thy precepts

Sermon

Hymn LHB 161 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Prayer of the church

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.' Let us come to our heavenly Father with all our troubles and concerns, and pray for the church and the world.

Lord, be with your whole church on earth, and the church in this country. Keep it faithful, and let your message of forgiveness through Christ be heard and believed.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Be with our church leaders. We commend to you our Bishop, John Henderson, and all our District Bishops. Uphold them in their office with true faith and a godly life.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We give you thanks and praise, dear God, for the country we live in and for good governments that care for us. We are grateful for excellent medical facilities and for caring medical staff who offer exceptional care for all people.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of baptism, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other through Jesus, the only Son of God. Today, loving Father, we pray for our mothers, who cared for us when we were helpless, who comforted us when we were hurt and whose love and care we usually took for granted, as we often take your love for granted.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother, maybe even years after they were separated. We ask for comfort those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her. We rejoice with those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love. Lord, we ask for your peace and comfort in this time of coronavirus when we often cannot visit our mothers and others we love. Protect them and help us to find ways to communicate our love to them.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, help us to build our lives on you. We thank you that we can weather any storm and bear any burden if we stay rooted in your love. Thank you for the great love you showed in sending your son Jesus into the world to redeem us from our sins. Keep us united with Christ, so that we can love in the way he loves us and all people.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Thank you, Father, that you hear us and care for us in all our needs. Open our eyes that we may see you in your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of peace,

who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,

provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will;

In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn LHS 103 I know that my redeemer lives