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Introduction to Worship

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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Prelude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Arr. by Gordon Young

Welcome

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Stand if you are able)

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive 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.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.



Gathering Song: ELW 631 vs. 1, 2

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

GREETING

- 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.

Kyrie



This is the Feast





Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Amen.

(Please be Seated)



First Reading- Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

L: A reading from the book of Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

- L: ⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- C: ⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.
- L: ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- C: ¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- L: ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- C: ¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—
- L: ¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- C: ¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
- L: ¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- C: ¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.
- L: ¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
- C: ¹⁹but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L: ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



The Gospel – John 14: 15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P: The Gospel according to John

C: Praise to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)



Hymn of the Day: ELW 631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* vs. 3,4 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a

mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints (especially). Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C: Amen.

Peace

- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: So Art Thou to Me - K. Lee Scott

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offering Prayer

- P: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.







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Prayer after Communion

- P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.
- C: Amen

Announcements

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
18			Frank Erceg
19	Annabel Williams		

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES					
Sunday, May 14	10:30 AM	Worship			
Sixth Sunday of Easter	TBD	Confirmation @ Durham, following worship.			
		Mother's Day			
Wednesday, May 17	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Office hours			
	1:00 PM	Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's			
Thursday, May 18	12:00AM-3:00PM	Office hours			
Ascension of our Lord	12:30 PM	Chat-N-Chew			
Friday, May 19	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting for a workday in Helen			
		Dungan's garden. ALL are welcome!			
Saturday, May 20	Bus: 1:45 PM	Go to <u>www.phillies.com/lutheran</u> to buy			
Lutheran	Game: 4:05 PM	tickets.			
Night at the		The Cluster is chartering a school bus, \$25			
Phillies		per person, call the church office or email			
·		phillies@durhamlutheran.org to reserve.			
	UPCOMING	ACTIVITIES			
Sunday, May 21	10:30 AM	Worship			
Seventh Sunday of Easter	11:45 AM	Confirmation @ Durham			
Monday, May 22		June / July Newsletter deadline			
Wednesday, May 24	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Office hours			
	1:00 PM	Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's			
Thursday, May 25	12:00AM-3:00PM	Office hours			
	12:30 PM	Chat-n-Chew			
	6:30 PM	Care-A-Lot Graduation			
Sunday May 28	10:30 AM	Worship			
Pentecost	12:00 PM	Riegelsville American Legion leads			
		ceremony for veterans in the <u>Durham</u>			
		<u>Cemetery</u> .			



May Outreach - Our Outreach envelopes for May have been designated for the CWS Blanket Sunday. We are also collecting women's personal care items for local food banks. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate a food basket. You can either buy the supplies or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; George Kreitz; Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Keep in your Barbara Naska; Bonnie Pyne dePortillo; Donnie Pyne; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss and Pat Zion.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tom MacFarland; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Betty Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Ollie Butler; Miriam Deal; Anna Gachev-Friedel; LaDonna Gibbs; Susan Gonzales; Cecelia Kukuchka

If you want to add someone to the prayer list or correct or update it, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: yakkityyak7@gmail.com.

Helping in Worship			
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Greeter(s)	The Wagner Family		
Altar	Barb Naska and Dot Peterman		
Acolyte	Leo Grzelkowski		
Lector	Maggie Fisher		
Communion Usher	TBD		
Council Counting Team	Becky Praster and Pat Zion		
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Custodian	Dianna Streletz		