

**BROOKVIEW
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

4323 South Brook Street
Louisville, Kentucky

The Fifth Sunday in Easter tide

11 a.m. May 2, 2021



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 stead-
fastly 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.*

Book of Common Prayer

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

– The Gathering –

Minister

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. *Psalms 98:1-2*

ENTRANCE HYMN

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

American Folk

All sing

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with thee—O be not dismayed, For I am thy
3. "When thru the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of
4. "When thru fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-suf-
5. "The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re-pose, I will not, I

faith in His ex-cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to
God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and
woe shall not thee o-ver-flow; For I will be with thee thy
fi-cient, shall be thy sup-ply; The flame shall not hurt thee— I
will not de- sert to his foes; That soul, tho all hell should en-

you He hath said— To you, who for ref- uge to Je- sus have fled?
cause thee to stand, Up- held by my gra- cious, om-nip- o- tent hand.
trou- bles to bless, And sanc- ti- fy to thee thy deep- est dis- tress.
on- ly de- sign Thy dross to con- sume and thy gold to re- fine.
deav- or to shake, I'll nev- er— no, nev- er— no, nev- er for- sake!"

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Minister

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All Shout

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR PURITY

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

cf. Mark 12:29-31

Minister

Jesus said, Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord, the Lord our God, the Lord is one: Love the Lord your God with the fullness of your heart, with all your soul, your mind, your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater command than these.

HYMN OF PRAISE ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

Old Hundredth

All sing

1. All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheer-ful voice;
 2. Know that the Lord is God in- deed: With-out our aid He did us make;
 3. O en- ter then His gates with praise, Ap- proach with joy His courts un- to;
 4. For why? the Lord our God is good, His mer- cy is for- ev - er sure;

Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell, Come ye be- fore Him and re- joice.
 We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 Praise, laud and bless His name al- ways, For it is seem-ly so to do.
 His truth at all times firm- ly stood, And shall from age to age en- dure.

– The Service of the Word –

OPENING PRAYER

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

Reader

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

NOW AN ANGEL of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they

both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

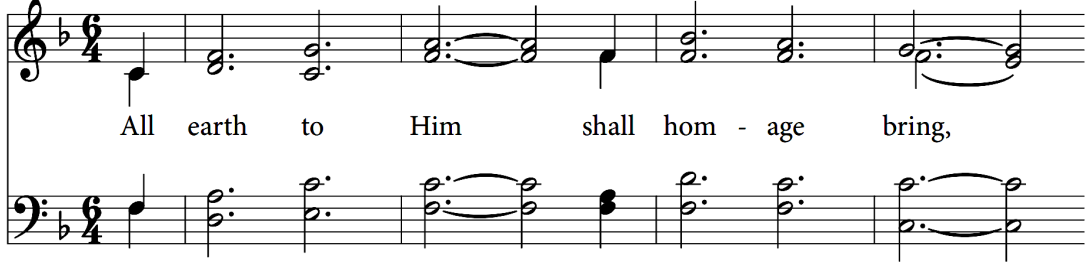
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

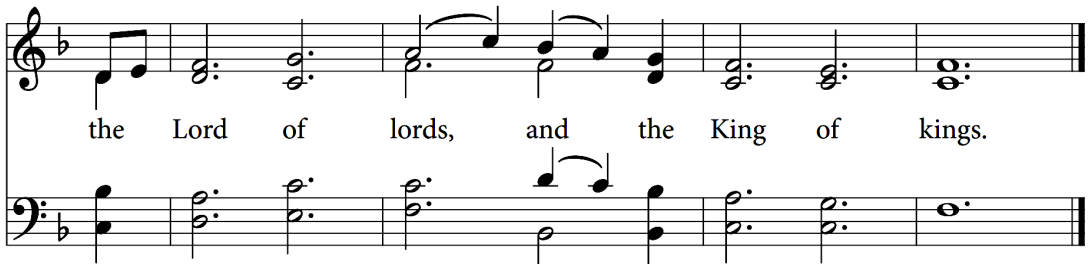
PSALM 22:27-31

Gregory Wilbur

Refrain

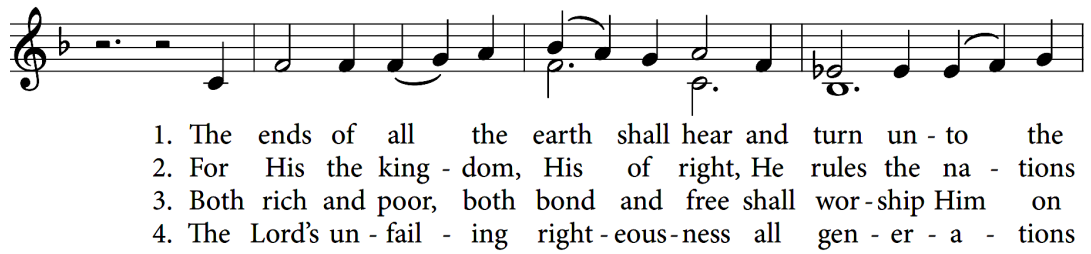


All earth to Him shall hom-age bring,



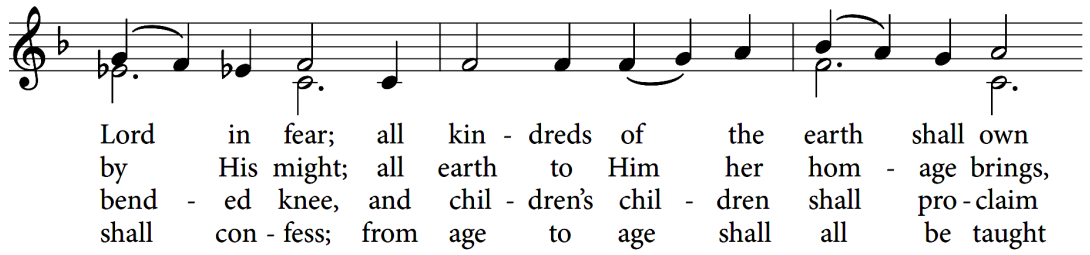
the Lord of lords, and the King of kings.

Leader



1. The ends of all the earth shall hear and turn un-to the

- 2. For His the king-dom, His of right, He rules the na-tions
- 3. Both rich and poor, both bond and free shall wor-ship Him on
- 4. The Lord's un-fail-ing right-eous-ness all gen-er-a-tions



Lord in fear; all kin-dreds of the earth shall own
by His might; all earth to Him her hom-age brings,
bend-ed knee, and chil-dren's chil-dren shall pro-claim
shall con-fess; from age to age shall all be taught



and wor-ship Him as God a-lone.
the Lord of lords, the King of kings.
the glo-rious hon-or of His name.
what won-drous works the Lord has wrought.

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

BELOVED, LET US love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL HYMN

AT CALVARY

Newell/Towner

All sing

1. Years I spent in van-i - ty and pride, Car - ing not my Lord was
 2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned- Then I trem-bled at the
 3. Now I've giv'n to Je-sus ev - 'ry - thing, Now I glad - ly own Him
 4. O the love that drew sal - va - tion's plan! O the grace that bro't it
 cru - ci - fied, Know - ing not it was for me He died On Cal - va - ry.
 law I'd spurned, Till my guilt - y soul im - plor - ing turned To Cal - va - ry.
 as my King, Now my rap - tured soul can on - ly sing Of Cal - va - ry.
 down to man! O the might - y gulf that God did span At Cal - va - ry!
 Mer - cy there was great, and grace was free, Par - don there was mul - ti -
 plied to me, There my bur - dened soul found lib - er - ty - At Cal - va - ry.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Minister

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

JESUS SAID, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

SERMON

Brother Joseph Payton

– The Sending Forth –

HYMN OF RENEWAL NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD

McAfee

All sing

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait be - fore Thee near to the heart of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

EASTER BLESSING

Minister

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.* Hebrews 13:20-21

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

All sing

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow! Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low! Praise Him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly hosts! Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

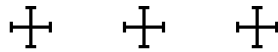
DISMISSAL

Minister Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Minister With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
go in the peace of Christ.

All Shout **Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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