Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

Gathering
Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
Martin Luther

Liturgist: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Liturgist: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Liturgist: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Liturgist: Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, Lord, my faithful God.

Singing: 435 “My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”

My soul finds rest in God alone; on him my help depends. 
God is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure he sends. 
My foes conspire to bring me down; they scorn my troubled state. 
Their lips are quick to sound my praise, but in their hearts they hate.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone; on him my hope depends. 
God is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure he sends. 
My aid and honor come from God, my refuge strong and sure. 
Let all God’s servants trust the Lord; in him we are secure.

The great of earth are less than dust; all mortal strength is vain. 
And fools alone rely on wealth or prize ill-gotten gain. 
I know, O God, that you are strong, a faithful loving Lord. 
Our every deed, for good or ill, you surely will reward.

Reconciliation
Liturgist: I trust in you, Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

Liturgist: My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

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

Psalm 31: 15-16 adapted

Silent confession and reflection
Singing: 633 “Kyrie/Lord, Mercy”

Kyrie. Kyrie. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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Kyrie. Kyrie. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, you come to him, the Living Stone – rejected by human beings but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.

Liturgist: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession,

Liturgist: that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Liturgist: Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

I Peter 2: 4-5, 9-10 adapted

Singing: 252 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race, called as God’s own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace; know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds, tell of love that knows no limits, grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness into his most marvelous light, brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight. Let your light so shine around you that God’s name is glorified and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people, strangers to God’s heart of love, but he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heaven above. Let his love flow out to others, let them feel the Father’s care, that they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends, strong in faith and swift to answer each command your Master sends. Royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer; give your lives in joyful service, sing his praise, his love declare.

Proclamation

Prayer: Lord God, let the words of my mouth and meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Psalm 19:14 adapted

Scripture: John 14: 1-11

Sermon: “A Seismic Shift”
Singing: 430 “You Are Mine”

I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice. I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid; I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you, and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up now walk, and live! Refrain

Dedication

Prayer

Singing: 965 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.

Benediction

Worship Leaders

Piano/Organ: Dora Diephouse
Liturgy/Vocals/Prayer: Helen Van Wyck
Liturgy/Vocals: Aron Reppmann
Flute: Lynn Hollender
Sound Engineer: Schuyler Roozeboom
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