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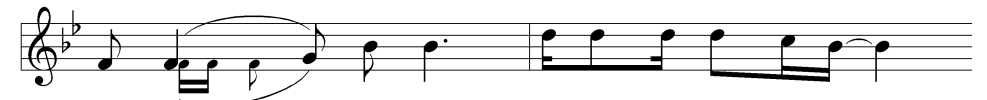
Do, Lord, Remember Me



1 Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me;  
 2 When I'm in trou-ble, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,  
 3 When I am dy-ing, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,  
 4 I've got a home in glory land, do, Lord, re-mem-ber me,



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sing - ing do, Lord, re - mem - ber me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: DITMUS, African American spiritual



*Altar flowers  
 are given by Darlene Soucek  
 in celebration of  
 Aiden's birthday!*

**Altar flowers are still available for May 22 & July 31.  
 Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex.**

**Dates to remember:**

**May 15~** Little Free pantry food drive collection ~ the box will remain out for a couple more weeks.

**May 21~** Pantry pet food drive~ collection

**June 5~** Outdoor worship

*Prayer after Communion*

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

*Blessing*

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:***

**“Do, Lord, Remember Me”**

**see page 9**

*Dismissal*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude:*



**May 15, 2022**

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

*“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”*

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Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Prelude: “Above All”

Welcome  
*(Please stand as able)*

*Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C: God of grace and glory, **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus’ resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **C: Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace:*

*“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”*

**Gathering Song: “Gather Us In” Red book #532**

*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.**

**Hear Our Prayer**

*Cantor sings verses, then refrain:*

Refrain: **Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus  
Hear our prayer, Mighty God.  
Hear our prayer, Holy Spirit,  
Hear our prayer, Sweet Lord, in your Mercy.**

**Hymn of Praise: Glory to God** (to be spoken)

Refrain: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.**  
Repeat

**The Prayer of the Day**

**C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

*The first reading is from the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Acts*

*First Reading: Acts 11:1-18*

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus’ testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*Words of Institution*

**Lord’s Prayer: (To Be Sung)**

**C: 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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Invitation to Holy Communion*

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

*(Please remain standing)*

*Distribution of Holy Communion*

**Communion Song: “Lamb Of God”**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace,  
grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

*Blessing after Communion*

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Risen, Living Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

*Offertory Prayer*

**C: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Song:**

**"There's Something About That Name"**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that Name!**

**Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain;**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim.**

**Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,**

**But there's something about that Name!**

*The second reading is from the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Revelation*

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35*

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

*Sermon*

*(Please stand as able)*

***Sermon Hymn:***

**“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ”**

**Red book #377**

***Nicene Creed:***

**C: 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 worshipped 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**

*(Please be seated)*

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**