

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellacombe

The Call To Worship

Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.
Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.
God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.
Christ leads us and guides us every day.
Let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.
Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

The Prayer of Praise

You are cause for rejoicing, O God, and the source of our gladness. You know what afflicts us; You can sense our distress. You remove whatever net will ensnare us; You give our feet firm places to stand. In Christ You have brought us deliverance. For all Your mercies we praise Your name and worship You now as our refuge and strength almighty and glorious One in Three. Amen.

*The Hymn 379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*The Prayer of Confession

God our Light, our Savior, our Home: You invite us to taste that You are good; we cultivate tastes for lesser things. You show us yourself, that we might believe; we close our ears and eyes to You. You offer us refuge and salvation; we resort to violence as we seek our own security. You call us to be living stones, built into a spiritual house; we disobey Your word, and stumble upon the foundation You provide. Forgive us, God of mercy...time for silent confession)...

*The Choral Response

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Daman's *Psalms*, 1579

*The Assurance of Pardon

(1 Peter 2:10)

Once you were not a people,
but now we are God's people;
**Once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy;
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**
Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 31:1-5,15-16* p. 622 in the pew Bible

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 7:55-60* p. 153 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *“If Ye Love Me”* Thomas Tallis

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 2:2-10* p. 282 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 361 (8:30 am) *“How Firm a Foundation”*

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (11:00 am)

*The *Apostles’ Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church
to share with us in His ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 495 *“We Know That Christ Is Raised”*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 14:1-14* p. 132 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“Close Encounters”*
Patrick Dennis

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles’ Creed* (8:30) p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology p. 592 in the Hymnal

**As Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, O God, may we find in him the source of our strength.
As we carry gifts to You, empower our hands to lift others to Christ. Lead us to new wisdom to impart
the truth of the gospel and accept all that we do in the name of Christ who makes all things new.
Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

*The Hymn 388 *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

*The Charge & Benediction *“God Be In My Head”* H. Walford Davies

*The Postlude