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The Celebration of Worship Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2009

8:45 and 11:00 AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because He first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from Him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

I John 4:7-21

VOLUNTARY Ave Verum W. A. Mozart
Fred Gaul, organist

MARKING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (11:00) Gathering Song members of the '08-'09 Cathedral Choir
The Cathedral Choir

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE Be Unto Your Name DeShazo, Sadler
(See insert)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Barbara Hopta

*RESPONSE Come, Now is the Time to Worship Doerksen
(See insert)

ANTHEM (11:00) Prayer for Mother's Day Burdette, Butler

God bless the mother who sings to her child, peaceful and calm, her words soft and mild.

God bless the mother awake in the night, rocking her child 'til morning light.

Gather all mothers in tender embrace. Grant them Your courage, Your wisdom and grace.

Honor their place in Your sacred design, of healing the world one child at a time.

God bless the mother forgiving and wise, sharing God's grace through the light in her eyes.

God bless the mother oppressed by her fears, carried by faith 'til hope reappears.

The Cherub Choir
Debbie Eads, director; Toni Clendenin, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Claire Butler

Risen Christ, You are the vine. Apart from You we can do nothing, but we live as if this were not true. We entwine ourselves in our own business rather than branching out toward others. Because we do not ground ourselves in You, we wither. Lord Jesus, forgive us. Restore us to Your abiding love, that we may bear fruit worthy of our calling.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Claire Butler

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, and greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

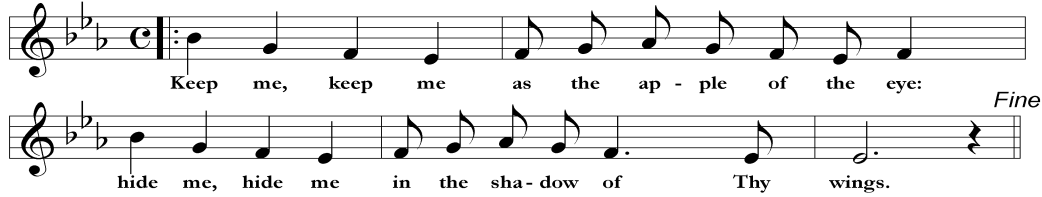
Children may come forward for the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

For Andrew Robert Isaac, daughter of Amy and Tom Isaac.

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye:
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of the eye: *Fine*
hide me, hide me in the sha - dow of Thy wings.

Leader: Keep me,

People:



Keep me,

Leader: Hide me;

People:



Hide me;

Welcome by congregation (In unison)

Andrew, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.

As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you,

to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 527

Near to the Heart Of God

MCAFEE

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Barbara Hopta

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

