

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025



PRELUDE “Thank God For Sunday Morning” Cochren & Co.

Verse 1

Neon lights and stained glass windows
Old bar stools and back row pews
I ran to one more than the other
But I couldn't outrun You
Trying to fill up all the empty
Trying to numb the pain inside
Thinking You'd never forgive me
For all those Saturday nights

Chorus

(But) thank God for Sunday morning
Thank God for three sixteen
And the words in red that say You bled
And gave Your life for me
Thank God for a choir singing
And a voice saying come back home
Saturday night looked like the end of the story
(But thank God for Sunday morning)

Verse 2

Now I know that You're no stranger
To the broken hearts like mine
It's what You do yeah somehow You
Bring dead things back to life
And it might look like it's as over
As a stone over a grave
But I've seen You move I'm living proof
You still roll stones away
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Sunlight through the stained glass window
Feels like freedom on my face
Really is a new beginning
Really is amazing grace

(But) thank God for Sunday morning
Thank God for three sixteen
And the words in red that say You bled
And gave Your life for me
Thank God for a choir singing
And a voice saying come back home
Saturday night looked like the end of the story
Oh!

Ending

Saturday night looked like the end of the story
But thank God for Sunday morning
Thank God for Sunday morning

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Jars of Clay

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like a sea billows roll
Whatever my lot You have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

Verse 2

Through the devil will ruin through trials may come
Let this blessed assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And He shed His own blood for my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

Verse 4

And Lord haste the day
Where my faith shall be sight
And the clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul
(Chorus)

Verse 3

My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord oh my soul
(Chorus)

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the work you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 67

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity and with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

A reading from Revelation.

And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

GOSPEL READING*John 14:23-29*

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

Verse 1

Are you thirsty
 Are you empty
 Come and drink these living waters
 Tired and broken
 Peace unspoken
 Rest beside these living waters

Chorus

There's a river that flows
 With mercy and love
 Bringing joy to the city of our God
 There our hope is secure
 Do not fear anymore
 Praise to the Lord of living waters

Verse 2

Christ is calling
 Find refreshing
 At the cross of living waters
 Lay your life down
 All the old gone
 Rise up in these living waters
 (Chorus)

Verse 3

As the deer panteth for the water
 So my soul longeth after Thee
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength my shield
 You alone may my spirit yield
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship Thee

Verse 4

Spirit moving
 Mercy washing
 Healing in these living waters
 Lead your children
 To the shoreline
 Life is in these living waters
 (Chorus)
 (Chorus)

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each prayer petition, please respond: ...Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.***

... We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us: in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

“What If”

Consumed By Fire

Verse 1

I wanna run
But what if I fall
I wanna climb
But what if the wall is just too tall
Higher than my faith could ever reach
I wanna trust but God I'm afraid
Open my heart but what if it breaks
It's hard to believe
I'll ever be more than I'll ever be
What if I give up right before He parts the sea

Chorus

But what if the door swings open
To all I've been hoping and praying for
And what if my season of waiting
Was changing and leading to something more
What if jumping leads to flying
And fear didn't stop me from trying
What if God's just waiting for me to start seeing
How big He is
What if

Verse 2

What if He hears all of your prayers
You cry out to Jesus to find that He's there
Cause He still cares for the broken and the prodigal
So don't give up on this side of your miracle
(Chorus)

Bridge

What if your doubts and fears
Were the only chains that are holding you
What if the prayer of faith
Is all it takes for the breakthrough
Don't get stuck by what you see
What has been or what it is
Don't be scared by your past to ask what if
(Chorus)

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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on ✠ us and on these ✠ gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

Verse 1

What can take a dying man
And raise him up to life again?
What can heal the wounded soul?
What can make us white as snow?
What can fill the emptiness?
What can mend our brokenness?
Brokenness

Chorus

Mighty awesome wonderful
Is the Holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life
To lift us from the fall
Mighty is the power of the cross

Verse 2

What restores our faith in God?
What reveals the Father’s love?
What can lead the wayward home?
What can melt a heart of stone?
What can free the guilty ones?
What can save and overcome?
Overcome
(Chorus)

Bridge

It’s a miracle to me
It’s a miracle to me
It’s still a mystery
And it’s still a mystery
It’s a miracle to me
The power of God
For those who believe
(Chorus)
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Mighty is the power of
Mighty is the power of
Mighty is the power of the cross
Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross
I love the cross
I love the cross
It’s a powerful cross

What can take a dying man
(Thank you Jesus)
And raise him up to life again?
(Thank you Jesus)
Worship you Jesus
(Wonderful cross)
By Your wounds we are healed
By Your wounds we are healed

Mighty is the power of the cross
Mighty is the power of the cross
Thank You Jesus
For the Holy cross

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

SENDING HYMN/RECESSIONAL

“New Creation”

Mac Powell

Verse 1

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of Your great love
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood

But it wasn't until I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

Chorus 1

You brought me blessings out of tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with Your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation

Verse 2

And now I know what You were talking about
Went from my head into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom, I found
You're my Healer and Redeemer
Jesus that's who you are

Chorus 2

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with Your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation
Oh oh oh oh oh
Oh oh oh oh oh

Verse 3

But it wasn't til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was
grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with Your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
Oh oh oh oh oh

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
(You brought me blessings)
You turned my old song into a symphony
(I hear a symphony)
And with Your spirit living inside of me
(with Your spirit living inside of me)
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation

I'm a new creation
(Oh, oh oh oh oh)
Oh a new creation

And with Your spirit living inside of me
(Oh, oh oh oh oh)
I'm a new creation (Oh, oh oh oh oh)
I'm a new creation

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended.

Now, it must be lived.

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!** Kalie Anderson, Ella Damron, Noah Gross, Elle McGrath (8th Grade).
- **Thank you** to all that took part in our plant sale - growers and buyers. Your plants are living proof of our efforts to help those in need. These funds will benefit the **Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project, Growing Hope Globally.**
- We invite you to join the **TLC Book Club** in the Lounge on **Tuesdays in May**, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. We will be reading and discussing 'The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate' by Jeannie Gainsburg. This insightful and practical guide provides essential tools for understanding and supporting LGBTQ+ individuals with compassion, respect, and confidence. Whether you're new to allyship or looking to deepen your advocacy, this book offers valuable insights on how to be a strong and effective ally to our LGBTQ+ neighbors, friends, and loved ones. We encourage you to join us for meaningful discussion and reflection on how we can all stand together as the Body of Christ in support of equality and inclusion.
- Starting **Sunday May 25th through June 1st, \$1 becomes \$2!** All direct donations to the **Growing Project** are doubled! The matching funds come from carryover funds in our Mission account. These dollars will help women in western Guatemala grow more food and feed their families. This area has the highest rate of child malnutrition in the world.
- **A Celebration of Graduates**, with a blessing from the congregation, will take place on **Sunday, June 1st**. A bulletin board will display photos of our recent graduates. We are asking parents to please send in photos for us to use for this project. **Photos need to be submitted by Tuesday, May 27th.**
- Trinity will have a booth at the **Ottawa Pride Celebration** on Saturday **June 14th**. Volunteers will be needed. More details to follow.
- **Come join us** in an uplifting (and fun!) experience known far and wide as the super-fantastic **Ottawa Pride Choir!** If you say you "can't sing" - no worries! This is something you can do in support of our brothers & sisters in the LGBTQ+ community -- let's show them some love. Even if you just stand among the group and mouth the words - you will be moved and uplifted - and have a wonderful time in community with others. Any questions and to receive a rehearsal schedule contact Mary Heider or the church office.
- Join us after Service on **June 22nd to celebrate Suzannah Walter's achievements!** Suzannah Walter is stepping down from the Director of Youth and Family Ministries position in preparation for her new role as the Head of Trinity Montessori School.
- Announcing the recipients of our **Giving Tree:** Residents of the Pavilion of Ottawa. Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others. "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Teresa.

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - April income = \$16,489.27 (Income YTD = \$86,037.03)
 - April expense = \$20,446.95 (Expense YTD = \$85,834.48)
 - Income Less Expense = \$-3,957.68 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$202.55)
 - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
 - Left on Loan = \$24,630.84

