

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 2023

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.

△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious name.

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Ⓟ In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓒ Amen.

Ⓟ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Ⓒ But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Ⓟ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Ⓒ Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Ⓟ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓒ Amen.

Introit

*Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1*

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

**and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Kyrie

Ⓐ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ Lord, have mercy.

Ⓐ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ Lord, have mercy.

Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ Lord, have mercy.

Ⓐ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ Lord, have mercy.

Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Ⓒ Amen.

This Is the Feast

Ⓒ This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### First Reading *Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**he has put all things under his feet.**

### Epistle Reading

*1 Peter 2:2–10*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

### Holy Gospel Reading

*John 14:1–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 645 Built on the Rock

1 **Built on the Rock the Church shall stand**  
Even when steeples are falling.

Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;

Bells still are chiming and calling,

Calling the young and old to rest,

But above all the souls distressed,

Longing for rest everlasting.

2 **Surely in temples made with hands**  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.

Yet He who dwells in heav'n above

Chooses to live with us in love,

Making our bodies His temple.

3 **We are God's house of living stones,**  
Built for His own habitation.

He through baptismal grace us owns

Heirs of His wondrous salvation.

Were we but two His name to tell,

Yet He would deign with us to dwell

With all His grace and His favor.

4 **Here stands the font before our eyes,**  
Telling how God has received us.

The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice

And what His Supper here gives us.

Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim

Christ yesterday, today, the same,

And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 **Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,**  
That, when the church bells are ringing,

Many in saving faith may come

Where Christ His message is bringing:

“I know My own; My own know Me.

**You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

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## Sermon “Living Stones” 1 Peter 2:2-10

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Confirmation

#### Prayer of the Church

**P** ...Lord, in your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Offering

#### Offertory

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the  
Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a  
ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to  
celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and  
archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your  
glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those  
whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our  
sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation  
accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on  
the cross.  
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to  
forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us  
faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own  
testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate  
with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has

no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

**C** **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.**

### Distribution

### Thank the Lord

**C** **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### 687 Thine Forever, God of Love

- 1** **Thine forever, God of love!  
Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be  
Here and in eternity!**
- 2** **Thine forever! Oh, how blest  
They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,  
O defend us to the end!**
- 3** **Thine forever, Lord of Life!  
Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.**
- 4** **Thine forever! Shepherd, keep  
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care,  
Let us all Thy goodness share.**
- 5** **Thine forever! Thou our guide,  
All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.**

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