
Traditional Worship Guide 10:30

4th Sunday of Easter ♦ Confirmation

May 11, 2025

ANTHEM (10:30) “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” Bell Choir

HYMN: “*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*” (verses 1 - 3) # 377

GREETING

ANTHEM (10:30) “*As You Serve, Remember Me*” Chancel Choir

HYMN: “*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*” (verses 4 & 5) # 377

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Revelation 7: 9-17* Bible, pg. 1921

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand*)



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HOLY GOSPEL *John 10: 22-30* Bible, pg. 1667

Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN: “*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*” # 424

PROFESSION OF FAITH (8:15 & 10:30)

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven.
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION / CONFIRMATION / BAPTISM (10:30)

After the introduction of Confirmands, they affirm faith:

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to walk in the covenant God makes with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, →→

to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*Then follows the baptism of
Grace Stafford*

The pastor prays for the Confirmands

*Each student kneels for the reading of his/her Bible verse,
then follows the laying-on-of-hands and prayer:*

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____
the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide
their life. Empower them in their serving. Give them
patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Parents place a stole upon their child

*After all are confirmed, the pastors address
parents, sponsors, and the congregation.*

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? If so, answer together:

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you as the Lord's family. We celebrate your confirmation as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same Heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

People may praise God with applause

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.

LITANY FOR MOTHERS AND WOMEN OF FAITH

P: Blessing and honor to our God of love!

C: Praise the Lord who gives the world women of faith.

P: We thank you, Lord, for Eve,

C: the mother of all the living.

P: For Sarah, the mother of many peoples,

C: who reminds us of the promises of God.

P: For Mary, the mother of your Son Jesus,

C: who brought into this world our Savior.

P: For the women who came to the tomb on Easter,

C: who were the first to proclaim the news of resurrection.

P: For godly women in this and every place—mothers, grandmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, daughters, teachers, friends,

C: we give you thanks and praise!

P: Gracious God, we give you thanks for blessing us with mothers and all who offer motherly care. We praise you for sending us foster mothers, adopted aunts, mentors, leaders, child care workers, nursery attendants, and all women in this congregation who worship you and care for others and try to live faithfully. Let your name be glorified in their lives. Uphold them with your strength, guide them with your wisdom, and renew them in your grace. Let our birth families, our adoptive families, and our faith families receive your guidance, that we might love as Jesus loved us.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:

P: ...Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" # **631**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*
- 5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain:
Alleluia! Cry our dominions, pryncedoms,
Powers, arch angels, virtues, angels choirs:

Chorus

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises:
Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord. *Chorus*
- 3 Respond ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Ye Holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song. *Chorus*
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernatural anthems echoing,
Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Spirit, three in one. *Chorus*

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!