

## Readings, Hymns, Collects

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Opening: He Came Down

He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
Hallelujah for evermore.

### Collect of the Day

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare God's love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life  
gives us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### The First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah:*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a

vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
**Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. R

**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**

### **The Gospel: John 13:31-35**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going,

you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Second Hymn: Creating God Your Fingers Trace**

Creating God, your fingers trace  
the bold designs of farthest space;  
let sun and moon and stars and light  
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
earth's mysteries know or yet untold;  
let water's fragile blend with air,  
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
all now despised for creed or race;  
let peace, descending like a dove,  
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
one family with a billion names;  
let every life be touched by grace  
until we praise you face to face.

### **Closing: We Are Marching**

We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, marching,  
we are marching, Oh,  
We are marching in the light of God.

Nous chantons avec les saints de Dieu ...

We are growing in the love of God ...