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**5th Sunday of Easter, May 15, 2022 Video**

*Good morning. This is Richfield Lutheran Church’s video worship service for May 15, the Fifth Sunday of Easter. I’m Pastor Brian, with me today are Paul on the organ and Mary as our vocalist.*

*Our gospel is John 13:31-35. Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

**I. GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Gathering Hymn** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **# 367, vv 1 & 3**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;

set heart and will on things above

that we conquer through your triumph;

grant grace sufficient for life's day

that by our lives we truly say:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**II. WORD**

**Gospel: John 13:31-35.** *(After washing the disciples’ feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus’ community.)*

The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

31When Judas Iscariot had gone out [from the Last Supper], Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.  32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.  33Little 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.’  34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.  35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** *Glory!*  Pr Brian

**Hymn of the Day** *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* **# 377, vv 1-2**

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*

**Prayers of the People**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*(A brief silence.)*

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, especially whom we now name in our hearts…. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*(A brief silence.)*

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person’s identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**III. THANKSGIVING**

**Offering**

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**Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is 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.**

**IV. SENDING**

*This Sunday, May 15, in addition to this video recording and its phone-in option, we have in-person worship at 9:15—with Holy Communion! Afterwards, we enjoy fellowship hour.*

*Next Sunday, May 22, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter;* our gospel reading is 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.

*Until then, go forth with God’s blessing.*

**Blessing**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* **# 389, vv 1 & 4**

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,

can feel the Spirit, hear the call,

and find the way, the life, the truth,

revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**This Week’s Daily Bible Readings:**

Monday, May 16. Psalm 133

Tuesday, May 17. Leviticus 19:9-18

Wednesday, May 18. Luke 10:25-28

Thursday, May 19. Acts 16:9-15

Friday, May 20. Psalm 67

Sat, May 21. Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Sunday, May 22. John 14:23-29.

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