



April 28, 2024 – Livestream
Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr. A. Sherman

Cathedral Ringers; Kelley & Jeff Warbinton, directors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord, in the great assembly.

People: I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

Leader: God's righteous acts will be told to those not yet born.

People: They will hear about everything God has done.

*OPENING HYMN #57

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

v.1-4, 7

***O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!***

***My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.***

***Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.***

***He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.***

***In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Great God,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
revive our faith,
repair our unity,
and renew our witness
for Jesus Christ, the Lord of love. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Worthy is the Lamb
from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #850

Psalm 133

with musical response

Response: *Unite us, Lord, unite us by your everlasting love.*

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion!

People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore. [Response]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

First Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

¹¹Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. ¹²No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

¹³And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. ¹⁴Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. ¹⁶We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. ¹⁷And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

¹⁸Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. ¹⁹We love each other because he loved us first. ²⁰If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? ²¹And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #550

Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Christ, from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share, who thy mystic body are.***

***Join us, in one spirit join, let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call, thou who fillest all in all.***

***Move and actuate and guide, diverse gifts to each divide;
placed according to thy will, let us all our work fulfill;***

***Never from thy service move, needful to each other prove;
use the grace on each bestowed, tempered by the art of God.***

***Many are we now, and one, we who Jesus have put on;
there is neither bond nor free, male nor female, Lord, in thee.***

***Love, like death, hath all destroyed, rendered all distinctions void;
names and sects and parties fall; thou, O Christ, art all in all!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2043

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sunil Kotian

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

J. Rutter/arr. J. Warbinton
Cathedral Ringers; Kelley & Jeff Warbinton, directors
Choristers ; Rosie Jordan, director

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God that made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. Refrain
The purple headed mountains, the rivers running by
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. Refrain
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. Refrain
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty, who has made all things well. Refrain*

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury, who had come to Jerusalem to worship. ²⁸ While returning home and seated in their chariot, the eunuch was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'

³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard them reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ The eunuch replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And they invited Philip to get in and sit beside them. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, proclaimed to the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ The eunuch commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them went down into the water, and Philip baptized the eunuch.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Chariots and Churches

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #553

*And Are We Yet Alive****And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?******Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!******Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.******What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!******Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.******Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.******Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

arr. J. Honoré

Upcoming Events:

Today, United Women in Faith Sunday Supper, noon

May 5, Youth Sunday & Summer Send-Off

May 12, Children's Mothers' Day Musical: *Moonlight SUN-ata*, 9:45am

May 19, Haydn's *Mass for St. John of God*, 11:00am

June 2, Church Picnic, noon

June 4, Youth Group King's Island Trip

June 15 – 22, Summer Mission Trip to Oklahoma City

July 7 – 12, Camp at Pine Creek

Support for Family Promise:

May - Collecting houseware items

This week's worship leaders:

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Senior Pastor

Sunil Kotian

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Amy Sell

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