



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



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The Prelude

Adagio from Sonata Opus 65 #2

--Felix Mendelssohn

The Welcome

The Processional Hymn

"When morning gilds the skies"

H #427

Please stand as you are comfortable.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Gloria

S #278

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - - men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Presider: Let us pray.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 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. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 24 My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: *
"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.**
- 27 For sovereignty belongs to the Lord; *
who rules over the nations.**
- 28 To the Lord alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before the Lord.**
- 29 My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall serve the Lord; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that God has done.**

Lathrop, Gordon; Ramshaw, Gail. Psalter for the Christian People: An Inclusive Language ReVision of the Psalter of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (Pueblo Books) (p. 154). Liturgical Press. Kindle Edition.

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have

seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

"Christ, the vine"

VF #141

Christ, the vine, and God, the gard - ener,
we the branch - es bear - ing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of prom - ise
when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jes - se spring - ing,
you ful - filled the pro - phet's trust.
And you pray that we, your bo - dy,
will ful - fill your trust in us.

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Allan Wallace

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Everyone:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Christ has gathered us as branches of the true vine. Let us offer prayers to God who does for us whatever we ask. For the whole world and all the churches of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy gathering, and for our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all the baptized whose faces shine with the light of Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Michael, our presiding bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Allan, our Priest, Bishop Mauricio Andrade and the people of our Companion Diocese of Brasilia, the people of the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's in Mithon, our ministry partners in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, The Church of Bangladesh; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Christ Church, Madison Dr. David Sloan, Senior Warden and for all who minister and all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who suffer and those who mourn; stir up in us a spirit of grace and generosity, that we may give freely to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all places in strife and unrest, that you may inspire all your people to seek a just peace and that we may hear the voices of those who are unheard.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those requiring ongoing care and for all those in danger and need: those who are sick or suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, those who are hungry, homeless, or oppressed. We pray especially for Barry Vernia, Amanda Ingle, Madonna Sappenfield, Ravi Herndon, Jeff Franklin, Cathy Sterrett, Tim Welliver, Marion Paris, Rob Wood, Melanie Craddock, Dorothy Krebs Sarro, Jerry Amend, Virginia Pontrich, and Gordon Anderson.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying and the dead, we pray.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord, our God.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace to love our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Adapted from Wright, Andrew R.. Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship: Year B (p. 236). Church Publishing Incorporated. Kindle Edition.

The Confession and Absolution

You may stand, kneel, or sit as is your custom.

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We invite you to share signs of Christ's Peace with others whether in-person or streaming.

The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The offering plate will be passed around by the ushers for donations, or you may give online as you feel called, by using the directions on pg. 11.

The Anthem

The Gift of Love

--Hal Hopson



You may stand, kneel, or sit as is your custom.

Presider:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

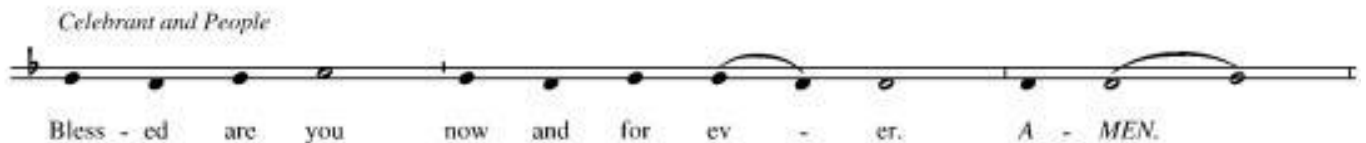
**Everyone: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.



The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Everyone: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

“Agnus Dei”

S #154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the gifts from God's table. To receive you may come up to the altar rail and kneel or stand. If you are unable to go to the altar, you may come up the center aisle by the piano or remain seated in the pew and let the usher know. Once complete at the rail, the gifts will be brought to you.

***Please note:** *If you desire to receive wine, please sip from the cup, placing your hand at the bottom of the cup guiding it to your lips. [We do not practice intinction (partially dipping bread into the wine) as studies have proven this is less sanitary than sipping].*

You fully participate in Communion whether you receive bread only or both bread and wine. If you wish not to receive wine, you may simply return to your pew after receiving the bread or cross your arms over your chest as the chalice passes.

If you desire not to partake, you may come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and we will offer a blessing or prayer.

**Gluten free wafers are available, just let the server know that is your preference or need.*

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception

For those who are worshipping online and unable to receive Holy Communion.

Leader and People Streaming:

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Hymn

“Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

H #487

The Post-Communion Prayer

You may stand, kneel, or sit as you are comfortable.

Presider: Let us pray.

Everyone: Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Presider offers a Blessing.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

"Lord, I want to be a Christian"

LEVAS #138

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—
2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, In my heart;—
3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, In my heart;—
4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, In my heart;—
5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, _____
2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, _____
3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, _____
4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, _____
5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, _____

In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,

This system shows the first line of music in G major, 4/4 time. The vocal line features a melody with a long note on 'heart,' followed by a half note on 'In' and a quarter note on 'my'. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line with chords.

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart. _____
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart. _____
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart. _____
 4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart. _____
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart. _____

This system contains the lyrics for five verses. The musical notation continues below the lyrics, with a final chord held over the end of the system.

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

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 Psalter for the Christian People, 1993.
 The Hymnal; 1982
 Wonder, Love and Praise; 1997
 Lift Every Voice and Sing; 1993
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All are welcome to find community at St. Paul's Church.

For questions, please email parishoffice@stpaulna.org or call us at 812.944.0413.

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Ministry Role	This Week's Ministry Team Easter 5, April 28	Next Week's Ministry Team Easter 6, May 5
Presider:	The Rev. Allan Wallace, Rector	The Rev. Allan Wallace, Rector
1 st Reader:	Diane Schroeder	Bob Streepey
2 nd Reader:	Gwyn Welliver	Kathy Streepey
Intercessor:	Fran Fach	Marie O'Neil
Crucifer:	Greg Phipps	Fran Fach
Eucharistic Ministers:	Chris Mitchell Jim Schroeder	David Campbell Cindy Fischer
Audio/Visual:	Jon O'Neil	Dennis Fach
Organist:	Theresa Bauer	Barbara Ellis
Usher(s):	Cathy Sterrett and Marie O'Neil	Karen Smith and Marie O'Neil
Altar Guild:	Monica and Chris Mitchell	Brandon Johnson
Teller:	Monday, April 29: Cindy Wood	Tuesday, May 7: Conny Quinlan
Coffee & Conversation	Marie O'Neil	May Birthday Party



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by

Gwyn Welliver in celebration of the Wingate and Welliver spring family

birthdays,

and by

Don Schmidt in loving memory of his wife, Collette.






Thurs., April 25:	St. Mark, the Evangelist	6:00 pm	St. Paul's, New Albany
Fri., April 26:	Shepherd's Kitchen Team 3	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Sun., April 28:	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:00 am & 10:00 am	St. Paul's, New Albany
	Choir Rehearsal	9:00-9:50 am	Choir Room
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am	Carriage House
Wed., May 1:	St. Philip and St. James	6:00 pm	St. Paul's, New Albany
	Shepherd's Kitchen "Uplift Them, Inc"	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
CANCELLED	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm	Church
CANCELLED	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Choir Room
Fri., May 3:	Shepherd's Kitchen Team 4	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Sun., May 5:	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:00 am & 10:00 am	St. Paul's, New Albany
		5:00 pm	St. Paul's, Jeffersonville
UPDATED TIME	Choir Rehearsal	9:15-9:50 am	Choir Room
	Cinco de Mayo & May Birthday Party	11:15 am	Carriage House
Wed., May 8:	Shepherd's Kitchen "Uplift Them, Inc"	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Thurs., May 9:	Ascension Day	6:00 pm	St. Paul's, New Albany
	Bell Practice	7:00 pm	Church
Fri., May 10:	Shepherd's Kitchen Team 5	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Sat., May 11:	St. Paul's Hikes FINAL Hike	10:00 am	Parish House
Sun., May 12:	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8:00 am & 10:00 am	St. Paul's, New Albany
	Choir Rehearsal	9:00-9:50 am	Choir Room
Mother's Day	Cookout Brunch	11:15 am	Carriage House
Wed., May 15:	Shepherd's Kitchen "Uplift Them, Inc"	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Choir Room
Fri., May 17:	Shepherd's Kitchen Team 7	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Sat., May 18:	Pet Food Pantry	9:30-11:00 am	Carriage House
Sun., May 19:	Pentecost	8:00 am & 10:00 am	St. Paul's, New Albany
UPDATED TIME	Choir Rehearsal	9:15-9:50 am	Choir Room
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am	Carriage House
	Integrity Talk	7:00 pm	TBD
Mon., May 20:	Vestry Meeting	7:00 pm	Parish House Parlor

Processional Hymn

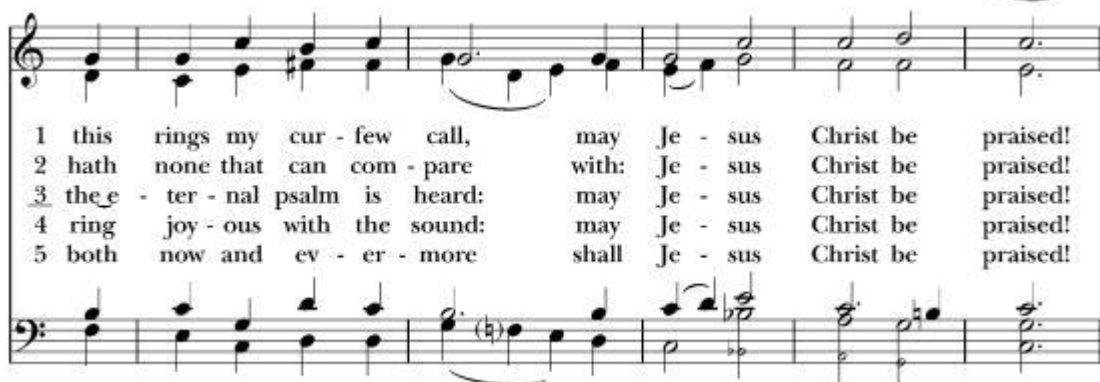
H #427



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Sequence Hymn

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Communion Hymn

H #487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Recessional Hymn

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