

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Welcome and Greeting

The Ebird Family Singers – *“Gather by the River”*

Leader - This is the day that the Lord has made!

Cong. - Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader - Christ the Lord is risen!

Cong. - **The stone is rolled away!**

Leader - Death has now been vanquished!

Cong. - **The stone is rolled away!**

Leader - Come bow down and worship.

Cong. - **The stone is rolled away!**

Leader - Come let us adore Him!

Cong. - **The stone is rolled away!**

Leader - Give God all the glory!

Cong. - **The stone is rolled away!**

Leader - Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Cong. - Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Insert

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel

John 13:31-35

The Ebird Family Singers – *“My Jesus”*

The Message

Hymn *“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”*

Insert

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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**

Noisy Sunday Offering (The Arc of Rowan County)

Blessing of Offerings

Honoring of Graduates

The Ebird Family Singers *“Farther Along”*

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Ebird Family Singers – *“Gentle Shepherd”*

The Benediction and Sending



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three

men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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."

Psalm

Psalm 148; tone 10



Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD ¹ from the heavens;
praise God ¹ in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, ¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you ¹ hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, ¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you ¹ shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heav- ¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a- ¹ bove the heavens.

continued

Psalm, continued

⁵Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
who commanded,
and they ¹ were created,
⁶who made them stand fast
forev- ¹ er and ever,
giving them a law
that shall not ¹ pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD ¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, ¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind,
do- ¹ ing God's will;
⁹mountains ¹ and all hills,
fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,
creeping things and ¹ flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers ¹ of the world;
¹²young ¹ men and maidens,
old and ¹ young together.
¹³Let them praise the name
¹ of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor
is over ¹ earth and heaven.
¹⁴The LORD has raised up
strength for the people
and praise for all ¹ faithful servants,
the children of Israel,
a people who are near the LORD.
¹ Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their

eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will
be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Gospel

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, 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.”

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