

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Organ Voluntary

Michael Burkhardt

To God Be the Glory

The music, the lighting of the Christ candle, and the opening of the Bible are tangible symbols that call us to worship. Use these moments to quiet your spirit and invite God's presence into our gathering.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Berkley Willis

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

—John 8.12

Opening the Bible

Evy Wall

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3.16-17

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

†Responsive Psalm 22

Terri Vancil, cantor

Refrain:



All the ends of the earth shall re-mem-ber and turn to the Lord.

You who fear the Lord, give praise!

All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

Let those who seek the Lord give praise!

May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.**

Refrain

For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.

**Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the Lord.**

Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
who they shall proclaim to generations to come.

**They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"**

Refrain

†Hymn 72

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Stanzas One and Three will be sung by the choir.
A final refrain is sung in unison by the congregation.

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Christina McCord

Musical Interlude

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

Scripture Lesson Rev. Cherry

John 15.1-8

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

Sticking With

†Hymn 254 ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

Stanzas One and Two will be sung by the choir.

†Stewardship Prayer Patrick Wilson, deacon

†Hymn 254 ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

Stanza Three will be sung by the congregation while the choir recesses to the front lawn.

Following the singing of stanza three the congregation will recess to the front steps, dismissed row by row at the direction of the ministers.

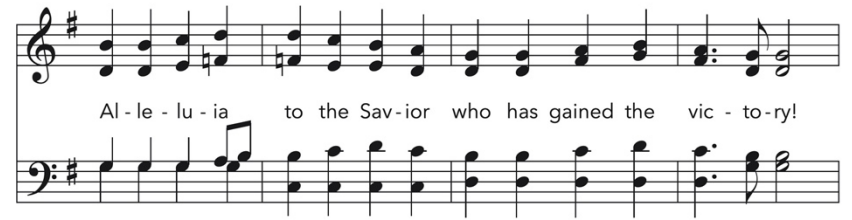
Please reserve the front porch for those who need to avoid steps.

The final moments of the service will take place outside.

Gather all belongings and the Worship Guide as you leave the pew.

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Doxology ODE TO JOY



†Passing the Peace Rev. Sherouse

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of

Rev. Patrick Cardwell

in appreciation for his service to the congregation as homebound minister since August 2019.