

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Day Has Come to Pray to the Father

May 21 & 22, 2022

5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

The disciples thought they knew what Jesus was saying, but it was before Easter, and they could not understand. They would, “in that day,” that is, after Jesus’ victory and the Spirit’s gift of faith. Now we with them know that He has overcome the world, all opposition, and even death itself. John’s vision in Revelation depicts a perfect Jerusalem, clear and beautiful, with the Lamb as its lamp. Anticipating such nearness of God, in this our day we can pray, asking for whatever we need, confident of our Father’s hearing. In the Reading from Acts, Paul has to tell everyone about his Easter joy, and the Lord opens Lydia’s heart. She is baptized and opens her home for Paul and Luke to use to tell others. With the clarity of our Spirit-given Easter joy, we know, pray, and tell!

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,  
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:4-5 ESV

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #903 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.

Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan’s empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.

Hosanna to the anointed King, To David’s holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.

Blessed is He who comes to us With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord’s name, comes to us To save our fallen race.

Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav’ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said,  
“In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you,  
whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.”  
Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call  
upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning  
and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father  
for forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.*

Pastor: Almighty God,

**People: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to  
everlasting life. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Pastor: Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**People: Amen! And may peace also be with you.**

Pastor: Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good,

**People: by your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by your merciful guiding accomplish them;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**FIRST READING** *Acts 16:9-15* (Paul and Luke stay with Lydia after her Baptism.)<sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."<sup>10</sup> And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.<sup>11</sup> So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,<sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.<sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.<sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.<sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** *Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27* (Nothing unclean will ever enter the heavenly Jerusalem.)<sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,<sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.<sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed<sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.<sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 16:23-33* (Because of Christ's victory, we can pray directly to our Father in heaven.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

### **SERMON HYMN #851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"**

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

## **SERMON**

(Rise)

### **NICENE CREED**

**People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: We pray. Lord, our heavenly Father, you never refuse the cries of your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for your help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, you have founded your Church as a place of prayer beside the waters of Holy Baptism. Give your holy people hearts to hear your Gospel message, lips to offer their prayers in faith and readiness to give of themselves for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, keep your Holy Church undefiled from all that is detestable or false. Embolden pastors to guard her gates and to welcome those who draw near in faith. Bring the rulers of this world into your Church to glorify her according to your good and gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Provider of all things, be with the Food for the Poor organization. Guide their leaders, and bless their efforts to feed those who are in need. Continue to provide them with the people willing to donate and serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husband and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are your children, upheld by your right hand. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, give wisdom to our leaders and government, that they may lead with integrity and according to your perfect will. Protect police officers, emergency personnel, disaster-relief workers and the members of our armed forces as they serve in our defense and for the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, source of all joy. Be with Dick Hoelke celebrating his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday as well as Dawn Ziolecki and Tim Odor celebrating their 8<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Dawn's sisters birthday, both on May 24<sup>th</sup> as they celebrate all the good gifts you have given to them. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of life, be with Pete Strigenz as he remembers loving Donna on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing on 5/22. Fill him with the joy of your resurrection, and remind him that he will see her again when you return. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Compassionate Lord, direct and enrich the efforts of the faithful women of your Church. Make them eager and wise in good works, serving the ministry of the Church as faithful Lydia served the mission of St. Paul. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, you hear our prayers for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon you especially those of Janet, Brian, Steve, Dorothy, Norma, Vern, Brian, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out on this morning of your Son's resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, give repentance and faith to all who receive our Lord's body and blood today, that in the unity of a true confession, they may receive it for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** 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 and ever. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### HYMN #463 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!

Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!

At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!

Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!

Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!

God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

When contending death and life, Alleluia!

Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!

All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!

Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

### HYMN #483 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.

Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.

To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends

Good News to save ev'ry nation.

True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.

His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.

"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grace," Saith He, who gave

His life for us, life renewing.

Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.

His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.

So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free,

All joy and full consolation.

### HYMN #490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;

Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.

I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.

God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,

Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.

All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.

Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.

God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood.

**People: Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### CLOSING HYMN #906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;  
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,  
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.

This day at earth's creation The light first had its birth;  
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,  
And thus this day most glorious A threefold light was giv'n.

This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;  
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.  
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might,  
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,  
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.  
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.

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