



SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

May 21-22, 2022

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A PLACE OF GRACE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

# Welcome to Worship

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

## Prelude

5:30

*With High Delight*

arr. James Biery

Shelbie Simmons, organ

8:30, 11:00

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Michael Helman

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Bells of Praise

**Baptism** 11:00

*ELW Page 227*

*Nora Rose Crawford*

Parents: Kyle Crawford and Valerie Rude

*Stand*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** 5:30, 8:30

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

☐ We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

## Welcome and Announcements

### First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Pew Bible page 900

*A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

- Word of God, Word of life.
- Thanks be to God.

### Special Music 8:30, 11:00

*Morningdance*  
*Bells of Praise*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

### Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Pew Bible page 1008

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.*

- Word of God, Word of life.
- Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

Stand

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: John 14:23-29

Pew Bible page 877

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.
- ☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

- ☐ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sit Sermon

Steve Cox, Senior Pastor

## Stand

### Hymn of the Day ELW 379

*Now the Green Blade Rises*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958  
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

## Nicene Creed 5:30, 8:30

☐ Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

☑ 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 and the Son, 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

☒ Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*Each petition ends with the response:*

☒ God, in your mercy,

☑ Hear our prayer.

☐ In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

☑ Amen.

## Sharing God's Peace

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

*Greet one another with a sign of God's peace saying **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

*Sit*

## Offering Message

### Offering Music

5:30, 8:30

*This Joyful Eastertide*  
Shelbie Simmons, organ

arr. James Biery

11:00

*How Beautiful*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

*.Stand*

### Offertory Response

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed, He is living!”

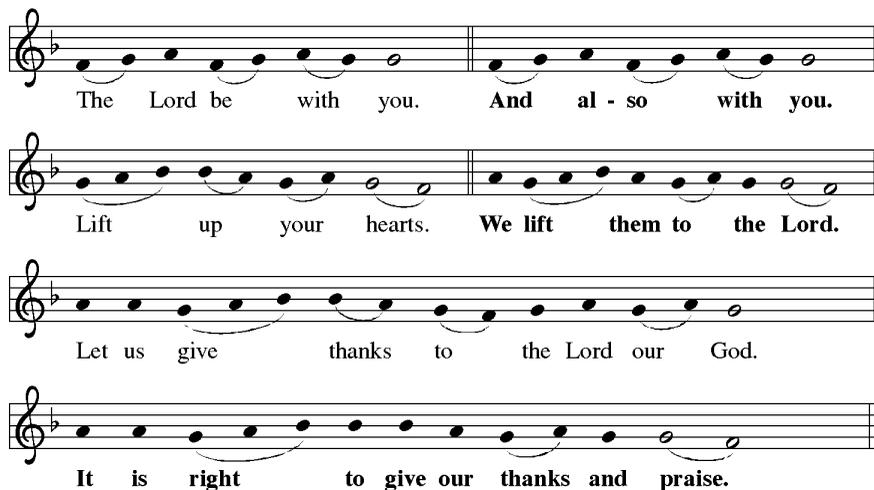
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Offering Prayer

☒ Let us pray: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☒ Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

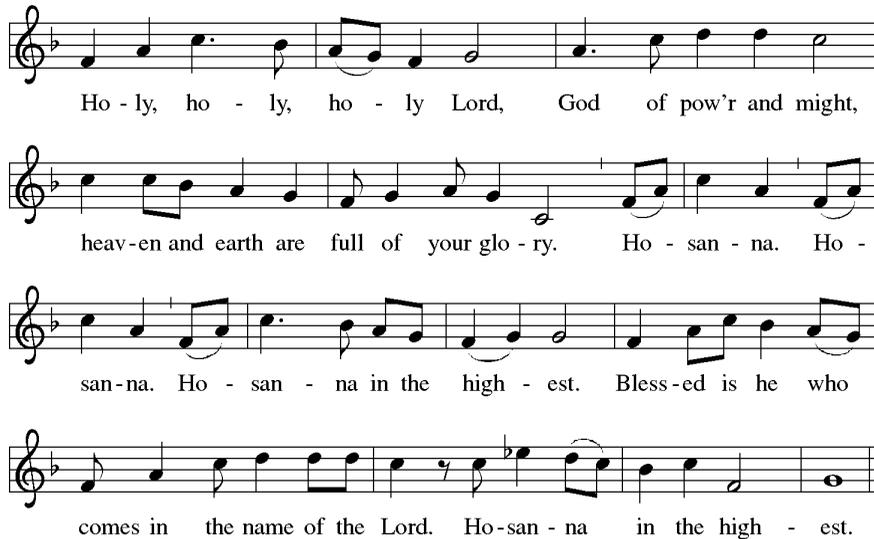
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

☒ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

### Words of Institution

☒ For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☒ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again... be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

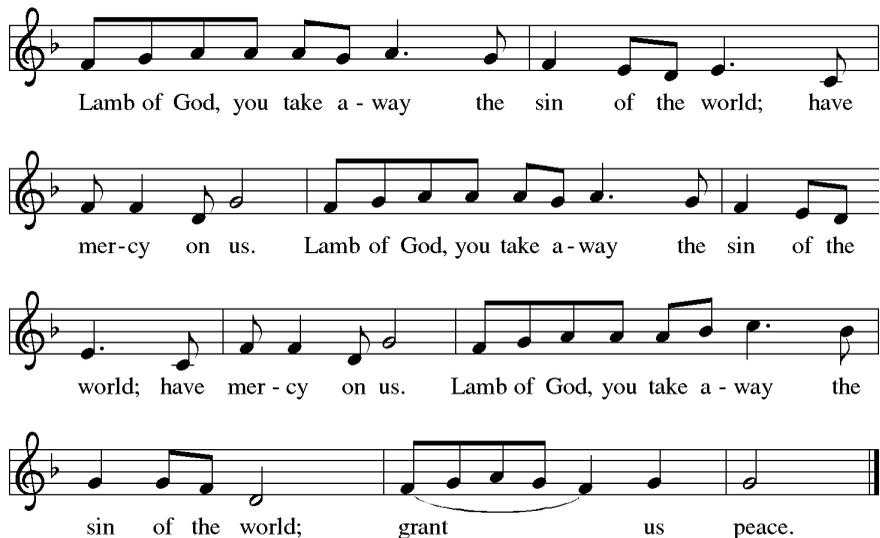
☒ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ **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 forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Invitation to Communion

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Stand*

## Communion Blessing

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
- Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

- Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- Amen.

## Blessing

- God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

## Sending Hymn ELW 543

## *Go My Children, with My Blessing*



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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## Dismissal

- Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

arr. James Biery

Shelbie Simmons, organ

## Serving in Worship

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