

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:15 a.m. Worship Service**  
May 5, 2024

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**Welcome!** The Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, whom He sent “to preach to the people,” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching and who are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,” so that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name,” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “the water and the blood” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “joy may be full.” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. We teach that we receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Those communing with us make a public confession of the Christian faith as taught by our congregation and church body. If you are visiting, please speak with a pastor before coming to the Lord’s Table.

**+ Order of Worship +**

**Song**

“Our God Saves”

**Invocation and Easter Greeting**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Confession and Absolution**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination.*

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

**C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit** *(Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon, v. 16)*

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**C: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

P: Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C: who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.**

P: Blessed be God because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**Kyrie**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray  
to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church  
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and  
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy  
inspiration, grant that we may think those things that are right and  
by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

“Lord Most High”

**First Reading**

Acts 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

**C: Christ is risen from the dead,  
(God the Father) has crowned Him with glory and honor,  
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
He has put all things under His feet.**

### Epistle Reading

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

### The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said,) “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Song

“At the Cross”

### Sermon

#### Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped 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.**

#### Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

P: Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established authorities. Bless our nation's leaders, and cause them to serve wisely for our good. Grant earthly peace and justice in accord with Your commandments and the order You have revealed. Bring an end to injustice, violence and disdain for Your truth, and let us receive all good with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, grant healing and support to those in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Give them the grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that they would be prepared to receive the gift of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have attended to the voice of our prayers, for You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Let Your mercy comfort and sustain us in prayer, that we may heartily and fervently pray to You at all times and in all places, not doubting but trusting in Your promise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Installation of Officers

### Offering and Offertory

“Be Still and Know”

### Preface to the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

P: It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship; with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

## Words of Institution

*(Spoken by the pastor)*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

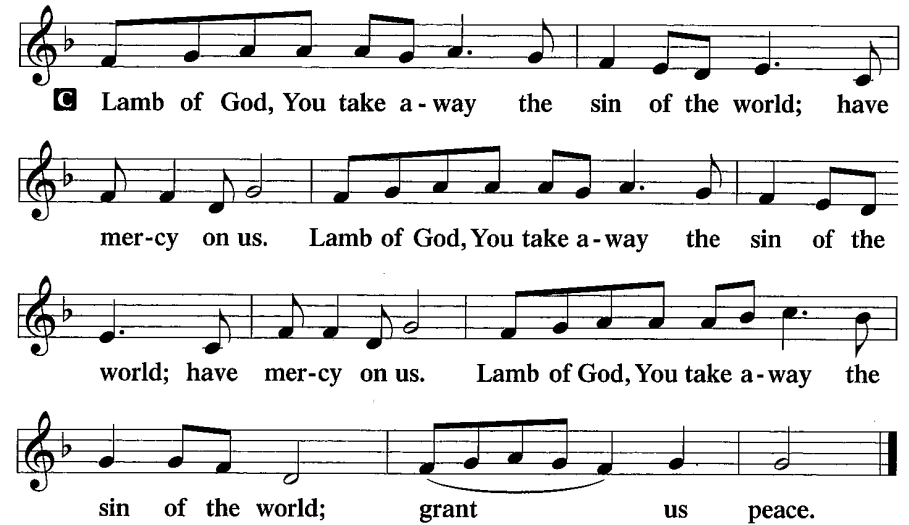
In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

## 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.

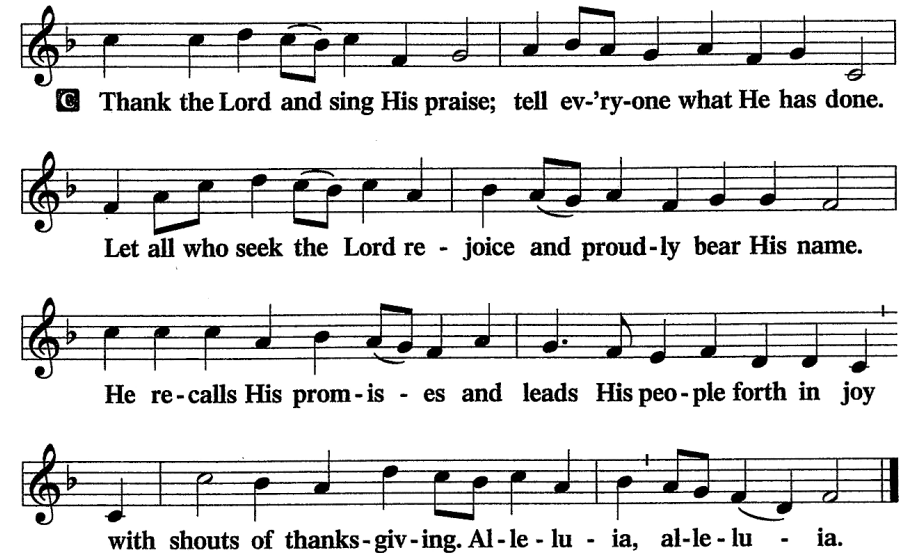
## Distribution Songs

"King of My Heart"

"Your Grace is Enough"

"Come to Jesus"

## Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

We're so glad  
YOU  
CAME!