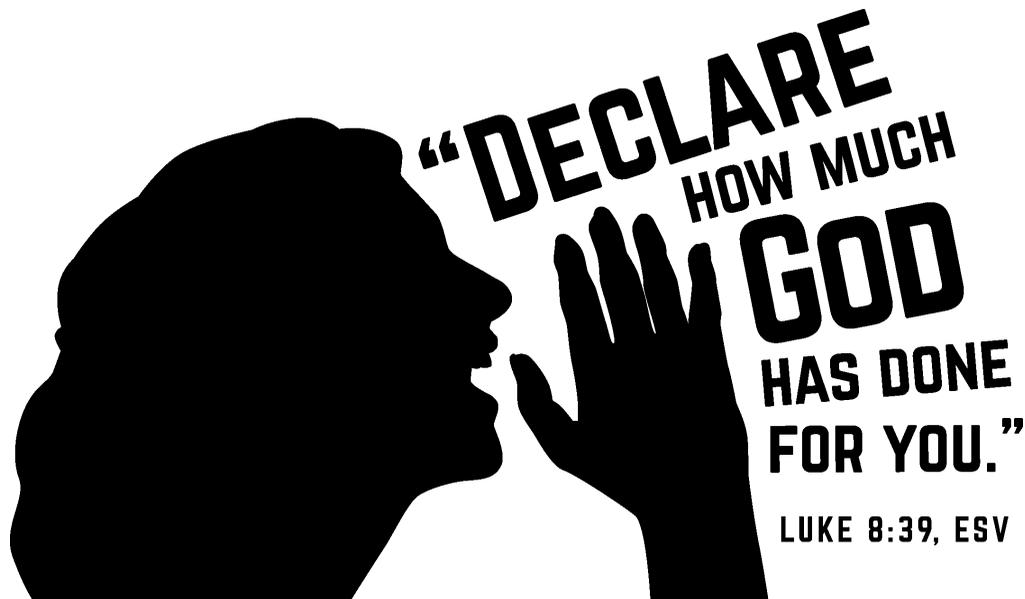


# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Alive with Hope... to Speak



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# Order of Service for THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Divine Service I with Communion**

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## ✠ Gathering ✠

**OPENING HYMN**

**561 – Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak**



1 Lord, speak to us that we may speak In liv - ing  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan-d'ring  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
and the wa - v'ring feet. Oh, feed us, Lord, that  
truths which you im - part, And wing our words that  
ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, abr., alt.  
Tune: CANONBURY (LM) Robert A. Schumann, 1810–56, adapt.

## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** Amen.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

## LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

Musical notation for the Kyrie. The first line of music is in C major, 4/4 time, and contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second line of music continues the melody and contains the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men." The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to you by both be giv’n!  
God has now fulfilled his Word;  
Praise the resurrected Lord! (149:1,6)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



✠ **The Word** ✠

## FIRST LESSON

**Acts 17:22-31**

*In Athens Paul's sermon revealed the "Unknown God" and explained that we all live "in" the one true God.*

<sup>ACTS 17:22</sup>Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup>God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. <sup>30</sup>In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup>For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

## PSALM 66

*Spoken in responsively between the presiding minister and the congregation.*

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!**

Praise our God, O peoples,

**let the sound of his praise be heard.**

He has preserved our lives

**and kept our feet from slipping.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God;

**let me tell you what he has done for me.**

If I had cherished sin in my heart,

**the Lord would not have listened;**

but God has surely listened

**and heard my voice in prayer.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:15–22

*Living in the living Lord means being ready to tell the Good News.*

<sup>1</sup>PETER 3:15 **B**ut in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup>It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison <sup>20</sup>who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:

C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

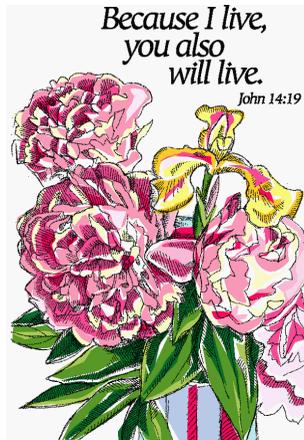
*Our response to life with the Lord includes love and obedience to His will.*

JOHN 14:15 “If you love me, you will obey what I command. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:

C Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## The Nicene Creed

**C 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**



# HYMN OF THE DAY

# 573 – Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark! The voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will  
 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you  
 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing  
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is



go and work to - day? Fields are ripe and har - vests  
 can - not preach like Paul, You can tell the love of  
 high on Zi - on's wall, Point - ing out the path to  
 noth - ing I can do," While the mul - ti - tudes are



wait - ing; Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
 Je - sus; You can say he died for all.  
 heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
 dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re -  
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the  
 With your prayers and with your of - f'nings You can  
 Take the task he gives you glad - ly; Let his



ward he of - fers thee. Who will an - swer, glad - ly  
 Judg - ment's dread a - larms, You can lead the lit - tle  
 do what God de - mands; You can be like faith - ful  
 work your plea - sure be. An - swer quick - ly when he



say - ing, "Here am I— send me, send me?"  
 chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
 Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
 call - eth, "Here am I— send me, send me!"

Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; unknown, st. 3, alt.  
 Tune: GALILEAN (87 87 D) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

✠ **Sermon** ✠

1 Peter 3:15-22

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✠ **Praise and Prayers** ✠

Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERING ANNOUCEMENT**

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

*Brief silence*

For the faithful proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him, that through hearing the Word of the Lord many may be brought to faith and to the knowledge of the truth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the agencies and institutions through which we love our neighbor and provide for those in need, for the destitute and homeless, and for everyone who suffers unemployment and underemployment, that we may aid them in their needs and assist them to find honorable labor to supply all their needs, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, for those depressed or weary of pandemic measures, and for the fellowship of the Church, that we may bear one another's burdens, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, [*especially...*] that God would grant healing to their bodies, peace for their minds, and consolation in their grief, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nation, for those who lead our nation, for the end of the pandemic, for peace among nations, and for an end to violence, that we may work for the common good so that justice may prevail, life be protected and truth abound, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, our God, as we recall the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son for our salvation, we pray You to strengthen our faith and to make our hearts bold, that we may not fear but address our prayers to You in all humility. Hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who even now stands before You on our behalf, pleading our cause with His own blood, until that day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and stand before You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ The Sacrament ✠

### PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

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

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



**C** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O



Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O



Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -



men. A - men.

# DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## 377 - Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death  
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No  
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -  
 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis



ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -  
 brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my  
 mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -  
 fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful  
 time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright



nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture  
 tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er  
 gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -  
 of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -  
 Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God  
 bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still  
 main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer  
 va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned  
 va - tion. From sin and sor - row set



has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry  
 I fell; Life had be - come a liv - ing  
 de - spair Left naught but death to be my  
 to me, Sought my re - demp - tion fer - vent -  
 them free; Slay bit - ter death for them that



won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
 hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 share And hell to be my sen - tence.  
 ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.  
 they May live with you for - ev - er."

- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,  
 Was born of virgin mother,  
 And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
 He came to be my brother.  
 No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;  
 A servant's form like mine he bore  
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—  
 I am your rock and castle.  
 Your ransom I myself will be;  
 For you I strive and wrestle.  
 For I am yours, your friend divine,  
 And evermore you shall be mine;  
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,  
 Me of my life bereaving.  
 All this I suffer for your good;  
 Be steadfast and believing.  
 Life shall from death the vict'ry win;  
 My innocence shall bear your sin,  
 And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,  
 The Holy Spirit sending  
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
 My help to you extending.  
 He will a source of comfort be,  
 Teach you to know and follow me,  
 And in all truth will guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught  
 Be all your life and teaching;  
 So shall my kingdom's work be wrought  
 And honored in your preaching.  
 Take care that no one's man-made laws  
 Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.  
 This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
 Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

## ✠ Sending ✠

### SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)

**C** In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -  
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -  
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a  
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**M** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C** And his mercy endures forever.

### PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C** Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

# 562 - I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it



bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of  
 best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To



Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the  
 hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of



sto - ry Be - cause I know it's true; It  
 glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill



sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.  
 be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

## *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my



theme in glo - ry To tell the old, old



sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Arabella C. Hankey, 1834-1911, abr.  
 Tune: HANKEY (76 76 D with Refrain) William G. Fischer, 1835-1912.