

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## Worship Focus

Rejoice in Your New Life in and with the Lord!



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Common Service with Communion

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### OPENING HYMN

235 - Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death, With songs and  
Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Earth-born they are and soon de - cay, Vain are their  
Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark  
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
God he will re - main, He helps his chil - dren  
grave will claim its prey, Since, then, no one can  
heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 less, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.  
 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) *New-verbehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

## INVOCATION

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

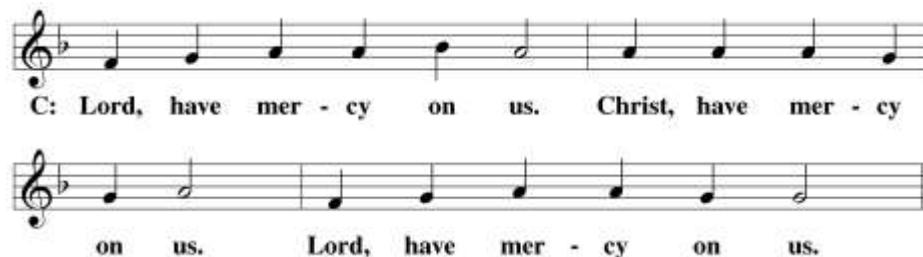


**Congregation** A - men.

**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*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## 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.



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

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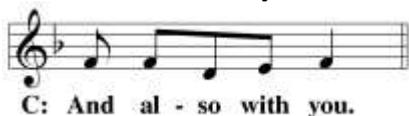
*There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul I can say "It is well"  
Refrain: Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won He is risen from the dead  
And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain  
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise*

*There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes  
Refrain*

*And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain  
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be 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.



## **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.

ACTS 17:22 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

# Psalm 66

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*The men will sing the first line of each verse. The women will sing the second line.*

*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone*

*(Men)* Shout with joy to God, | all the earth!\*

*(Women)* 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 pre | served our lives\*  
and kept our feet from | slipping. *Refrain*

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.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. *Refrain*

## 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 But 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.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Jesus, your boundless love to me  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare.  
Dwell in my heart eternally,  
And reign without a rival there.  
To you alone, dear Lord, I live;  
Myself to you, dear Lord, I give. (479:1)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## 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!



## **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

476 - Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who  
 3 Oh, keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Do  
 4 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee



will I love, my hope, my joy, Thee will I  
 art my best and tru - est friend. Thee will I  
 not al - low my steps to stray. Up - hold me  
 will I love, my God and Lord, A - mid the



love with all my pow - er, With ar - dor time shall  
 love and praise for - ev - er, For nev - er shall thy  
 when my feet would stum - ble, And keep me on the  
 dark - est depths of sad - ness, And not for hope of



ne'er de - stroy, Thee will I love, O Light di -  
 kind - ness end. Thee will I love with all my  
 nar - row way, Fill all my na - ture with thy  
 high re - ward, For thine own sake, O Light di -



vine, So long as life is mine.  
 heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
 vine, So long as life is mine.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624-77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1, 3-4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2.

Tune: ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN (98 98 86) *Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz*, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.

## SERMON

John 14:19

### Easter Hits Home

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Brief silence*

For the Church, that the Lord would bless and protect His people in a world where so many worship false gods, known and unknown; and that He would give His saints a clear and bold proclamation of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the government and those who protect us, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, the destitute and the homeless, that the Lord who sustains all things would grant them companionship, food and shelter; and that we as His people might be His hands and feet in love for others, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in need of relief [*including \_\_\_\_\_*], that the Lord who gives mankind life and breath and everything would provide healing and restoration according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who receive Holy Communion today, that the Christ who did not leave His people as orphans would strengthen the faith of His penitent children with His very body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the saints who have gone before us and stand before the Lord in glory, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that we might remain steadfast in the faith until we, too, see Christ in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We give You thanks, almighty God, that as You gave Your Son to be our Redeemer, so You send forth Your Holy Spirit to sanctify and keep us in the faith. Continue to pour out Your Spirit upon Your Church so that, enlivened by His work in the Means of Grace, we might remain steadfast until You deliver us to heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 al - so with you.

**M** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - 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 heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, 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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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



## 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.

## 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 llder*, Wittenberg, 1524.

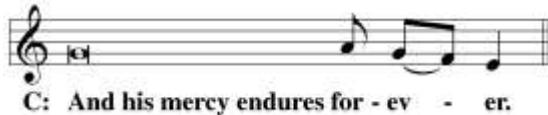
## THANKSGIVING

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



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and 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 for - ev - er.

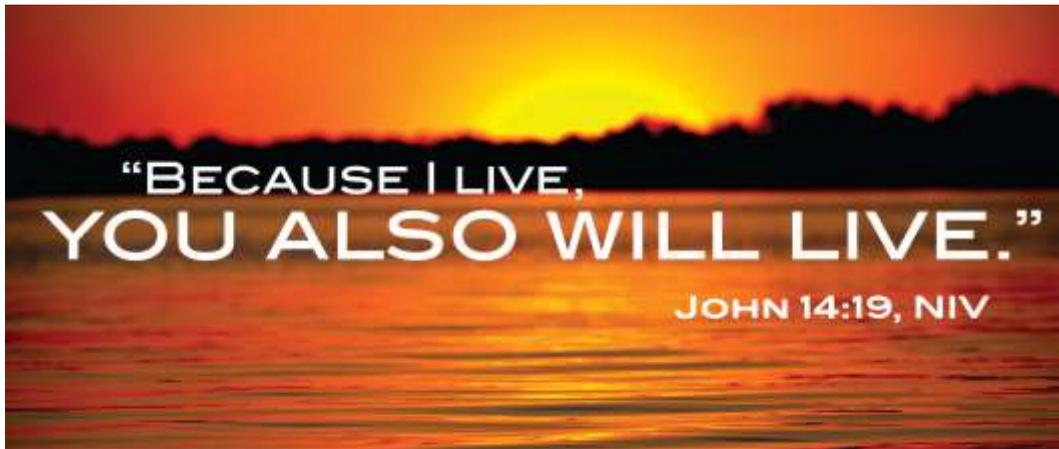
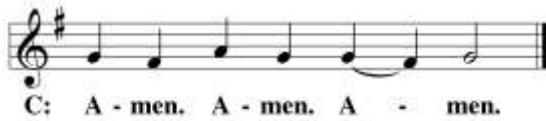
### PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**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.



# 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, abc.  
Tune: HANKEY (76 76 D with Refrain) William G. Fischer, 1835-1912.