

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus

Easter Afterglow – Assisted Hearing



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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

523 - God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo -
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ,
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e -



ple pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's
as - sail his ways. From our fears that long have
to your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish
vils we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal -



sto - ry; Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r.
bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
glad - ness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
va - tion Be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the fac - ing
Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the liv - ing
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age Lest we miss your
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, Serv - ing you whom



of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
king - dom's goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969, abr., alt.
Tune: CWM RHONDDA (87 87 877) John Hughes, 1873-1932.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

**Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise." (612:1,4)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 14:8-18

Paul and Barnabas understood that the people of Lystra needed to listen to them as servants of God, not as gods themselves.

^{ACTS 14:8}In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵“Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

The choir will sing the first refrain and the verses. The congregation is invited to sing the refrains after each verse.

Refrain

Do not let your hearts be trou - bled; have
 faith in God and faith in me. I will go
 forth to pre - pare a place for you; then I'll come
 back to take you with me, that where I
 am, you may al - so be.

1-3 To verses

*In God's house there are many places
for you alone to dwell in safety.
You know the way to where I'll lead you,
if you are lost, I will show the way. **Refrain***

*I am the way, the truth and the life,
only through me can you know what I know.
If you knew me, you would see the Father,
if you see me, you see your God. **Refrain***

*The words I speak are not only of myself,
it is your God who lives within me.
If you believe that your God and I are one,
I will provide when you call my name. **Refrain***

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23

John saw heaven in vision, but we can only listen to his Word and, in faith, look with eagerness to the heaven John describes.

REVELATION 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

GOSPEL John 14:23-29

It is not always easy to hear and understand Jesus' words. Part of the work of the Holy Spirit is to assist us in remembering the Word.

JOHN 14:23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

^{25c}All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

^{28c}You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



**"I AM GOING TO
THE FATHER."**

JOHN 14:28

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me

1. Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
 2. O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell but Thy pure
 3. O Love, how cheer - ing is Thy ray! All pain be - fore Thy
 4. This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to

tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart with Thee
 love a - lone! O may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 pres - ence flies; Care, an - guish, sor - row, melt a - way
 Thee as - pire. O may Thy love my hope re - new,

And reign with - out a ri - val there. To Thee a - lone, dear
 My Joy, my Trea - sure, and my Crown! All cold - ness from my
 Wher - e'er Thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus, noth - ing
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night be

Lord, I live; My - self to Thee, dear Lord, I give.
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought, be love.
 may I see, Noth - ing de - sire or seek, but Thee!
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.

5. O draw me, Savior, e'er to Thee;
So shall I run and never tire.
With gracious words still comfort me;
Be Thou my Hope, my sole Desire.
Free me from ev'ry guilt and fear;
No sin can harm if Thou art near.

6. Still let Thy love point out my way;
What wondrous things Thy love hath wrought!
Still lead me lest I go astray;
Direct my work, inspire my thought;
And if I fall, soon may I hear
Thy voice and know that love is near!

7. In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my Rod and Staff and Guide
And draw me safely to Thy side!

Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary #372 (88 88 88)

O Jesu Christ, mein schönstes Licht
P. Gerhardt, 1607-76, *cento*
Tr. J. Wesley, 1703-91, *alt.*

SURREY
H. Carey, 1692-1743

SERMON

John 14:23-29

Jesus Gives Parting Promises

Sermon notes:

CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the saving peace of Christ among the nations, for the Church here and throughout the world, and for those who serve her in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the grace of the Spirit to awaken us and all people to repentance and faith, and for courage to sustain us in the faith through days of trouble and trial, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, for zeal for the house of God and the things of God, for peace in our hearts and for peace in our days, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who serve us in Christ's name and deliver to us the fruits of His redeeming work, and for those who will hear and heed His call to service in this generation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For good leaders and good government in this and in every place; for police, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers; and for the members of the armed forces who defend us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, for the troubled in mind and heart, for the poor, for the homeless and for those who have lost hope and become prisoners to despair, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the ill, the grieving and the dying, especially for those we name with our voices [*including _____*] and in our hearts ... and for the grace to sustain them in their hour of need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring gifts of worship and praise, and for the tithes and offerings given in thanksgiving for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us with the sign of faith, that the Lord may soon bring us to be with them and all those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord; 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.**

SERMON HYMN

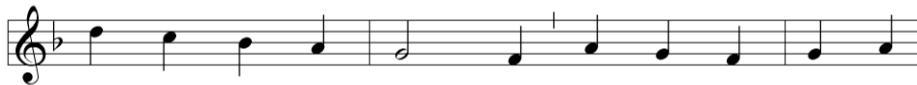
386 - Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which
2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which
3 Our ru - in God has not in - tend - ed; For
4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The
5 Let mer - cy cause me to be will - ing To



holds my life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be -
hu - man wis - dom far tran - scends, Of him who,
our sal - va - tion he has yearned. For this his
sea where my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my
bear my lot and not to fret. While he my



fore the world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's
lov - ing arms ex - tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners
Son to earth de - scend - ed And then a - gain to
wounds find per - fect heal - ing; There is no con - dem -
rest - less heart is still - ing, May I his mer - cy



wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion which un - moved shall
 con - de - scends. His heart with pit - y still will
 heav'n re - turned; For this so pa - tient ev - er -
 na - tion here! For Je - sus' blood through earth and
 not for - get! What - ev - er comes my heart to



stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.
 break Wheth - er we seek him or for - sake.
 more He's knock - ing at our heart's closed door.
 skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.
 test, His mer - cy is my on - ly rest.

6 Lord, I will stand on this foundation
 As long as I on earth remain;
 This will engage my meditation
 While I the breath of life retain.
 And then, when face to face with you,
 I'll sing your mercy great and true.

Text: Johann A. Rothe, 1688–1758, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

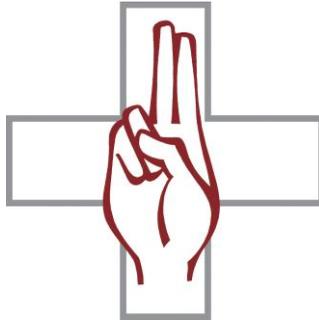


C: A - men.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

321 - Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
 With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
 Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,
 Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-93, abr., alt.
 Tune: ELLERS (10 10 10 10) Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



I leave with you;

My *P* **Peace**
I give you.



John 14:27