



SERVICE OF THE WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

☒ Bishop ☒ Assisting Minister ☒ Preacher ☒ All

GATHERING

Easter Acclamation

☒ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

☒ **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

☒ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the
Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
 of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
 has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

B Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven
 and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your
 children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Psalm

Psalm 66:8-20

A Bless our God, you peoples;
 let the sound of praise be heard.

C Our God has kept us among the living
 and has not allowed our feet to slip.

A For you, O God, have tested us;
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C You brought us into the net;
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

A You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**☞ I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows —**

☞ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**☞ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

☞ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**☞ I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

☞ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

**☞ but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

☞ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Gospel Acclamation Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (v. 1, 2, & refrain) ELW #364

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

*Refrain:
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. (Refrain)*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
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☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Apostles' Creed

A We confess together the faith we share in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

B I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of the People

- A** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A** Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way, especially those we lift up using the hashtag #demdprays. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

A Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**☞ 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.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

☒ Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

☒ **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

☒ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

☒ **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

☒ Beloved: Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and abide in you, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

Dismissal

☐ Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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