



Sunday, May 1, 2016  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
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### **INTRODUCTION**

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

A large print version of today's Hymns is located on  
the Usher Stands.

**GATHERING HYMN**      “As We Gather at Your Table”      ELW 522

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,  
**you have brought us into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet we  
have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We  
are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our  
sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all  
things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in  
grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and  
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained  
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare  
to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### GREETING

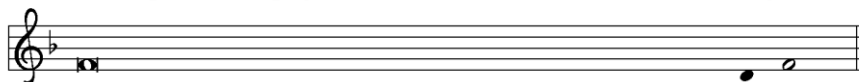
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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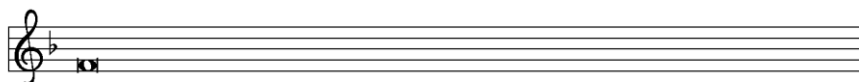
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



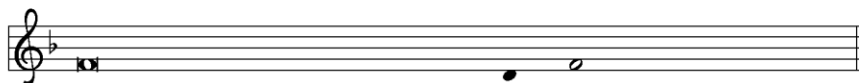
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



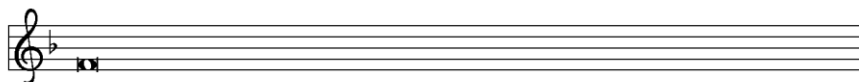
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



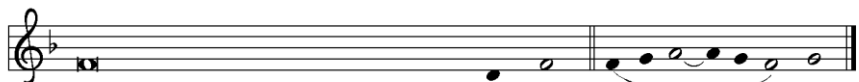
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you;

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Bountiful God,

**you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Choir Anthem*

## **GOD'S WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup> So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

*The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.*

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:9-11,22 – 22:5**

<sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal...

<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

## GOSPEL VERSE

### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*The holy gospel according to Chapter St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### **Gospel: John 14:22-29**

<sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the



Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

*Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

*Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.*

I now declare you installed as *officers and members* of our Church Council. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED ELW p.126**

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEAL

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

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 to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

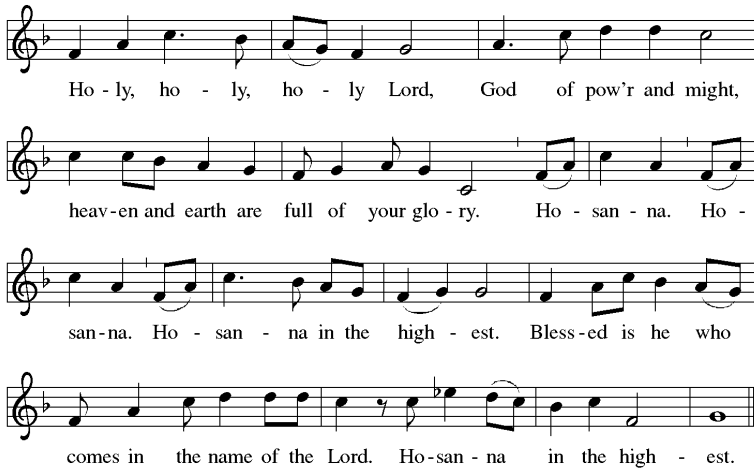
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *All baptized Christians, who believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please cup your hands to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available upon request. If not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms in an "X" before the pastor. Children may also be brought forward for a blessing.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, and of † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **ELW 858**  
(v. 1,3,4)

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Welcome to worship this morning. May the Lord bless you during this time together. If you have special prayer requests, please give them to an usher. All who are baptized and believe that the Lord is present in the bread and wine are welcomed to the table. Juice is available for the asking.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 1

9:00 AM Education

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Fellowship/Congregational Meeting

**Russ and Pat Juvrud are celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with cake to share in Fellowship Hall after the service.**

Monday, Wed., Friday

9:00 AM Exercise

Tuesday, May 3

9:30 AM Bible Study

Wednesday, May 4

6:30 PM WELCA Mother-Daughter salad supper

Thursday, May 5

9:00 AM Men's Breakfast, JoJo's Café

Next Sunday, May 8 **Mother's Day**

9:00 Education

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

We wish to thank the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for their prayers and caring during Evelyn's illness, especially Pastor Keith, Sharon Witt and Pat and Russ Juvrud for their visits to the nursing home. Everything was greatly appreciated.

The Family of Evelyn Juvrud-Mitchell

**PLEASE NOTE**

**The Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on May 15,2016 instead of May 22 .**

Pot luck Dinner schedule is as follows:

A-I Salads

J-N Desserts

O-Z Hotdish

## Peace in the Flesh

When we gather for worship on Sundays, we sing, we hear God's word, we pray, and then, just before we share the meal at God's table, there is this strange thing we do: we share a sign of God's peace. Or, to be exact, we shake hands or hug the people around us, saying "Peace be with you!" or "Christ's peace!" In doing so, we echo the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you" (John 14:27).

But what does this mean? Peace as a feeling of tranquility and relaxation? Peace as the absence of disagreement? Peace as a diplomatic solution to global tensions? What exactly is the peace Christ gives us?

True peace is not a feeling, nor is it a policy or a program. It is a person. "For he (Christ) is our peace" (Eph. 2:14). Peace is enemies being reconciled, strangers becoming brothers and sisters. Peace is the healing of a broken and polluted earth, the poor being lifted up, the oppressed set free, the lonely welcomed. Peace is community.

All of us have experienced this peace at some point in our lives—perhaps in the forgiveness of a friend, the love of a mother, or the unexpected generosity of a stranger. When we gather around the water of baptism, the meal of the eucharist, and the word of the gospel, we come to seek that peace in each other. And because we all need reminders occasionally, we take time to say out loud in the middle of worship, "The peace of Christ be with you always." And as we look around at the people gathered here, our words become flesh: the peace Christ left for us is reaching out to us in one another.