

THE SIXTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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Setting Three

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. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P. In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

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Greeting

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

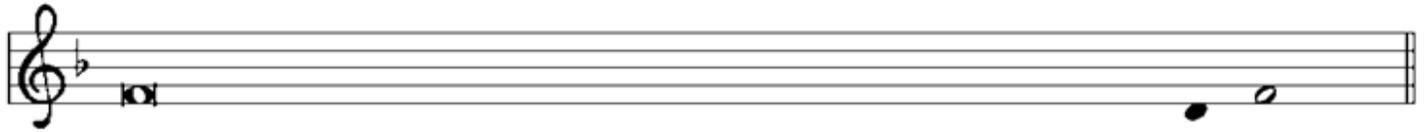
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Kyrie



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.



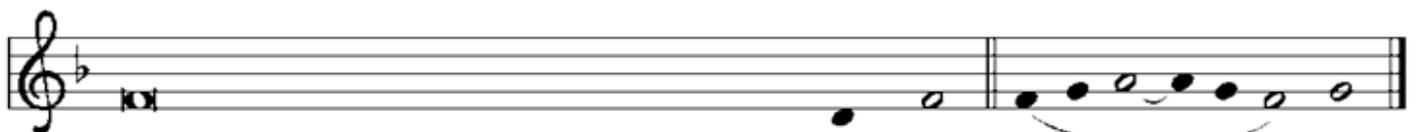
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

This is the feast . . .

Women vs. 1, 3; Men vs. 2, 4

Refrain



All: 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

Women:



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



All: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

Men:



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



All: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

Women:



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast . . .

Refrain



All: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
Men
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



All: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

- A. Let us pray
- C. 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.



Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately

tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

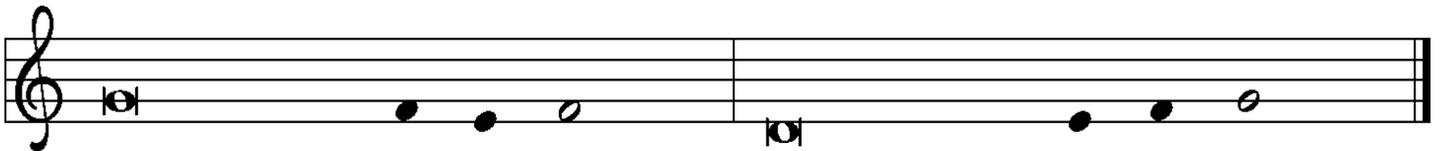


Psalmody

Psalm 67

(tone 6)

chanted responsively



May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹ shine upon us.

**Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.**

Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ¹ tions on earth.**

Let the peoples ¹ praise you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought ¹ forth its increase;
God, our own ¹ God, has blessed us.**

May God ¹ give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe.



THE **NEW** JERUSALEM

Revelation 21

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The holy gospel according to John, chapter thirteen.

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

C. Glory to you, O God.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Let's Hear It for the Holy Spirit"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

The Nicene Creed

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,
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
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 worshipped 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

A. Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen.



The Peace

- P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
May His peace be with you always.
- C. And also with you.



The Offering

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Choir

God, Who is Rich in Mercy ~Erfurt, 1541 (congregation sings bold type)

ch. C.

God, who is rich, is rich in mer - cy, through

His great love with which He loved us,

ch. C.

We who through our tres - pass - es were dead, God has raised us

up and with Christ Jesus made a - live, **thru' His great love with**

ch. C.

which He loved us. All cre - a - tion shall see the im-

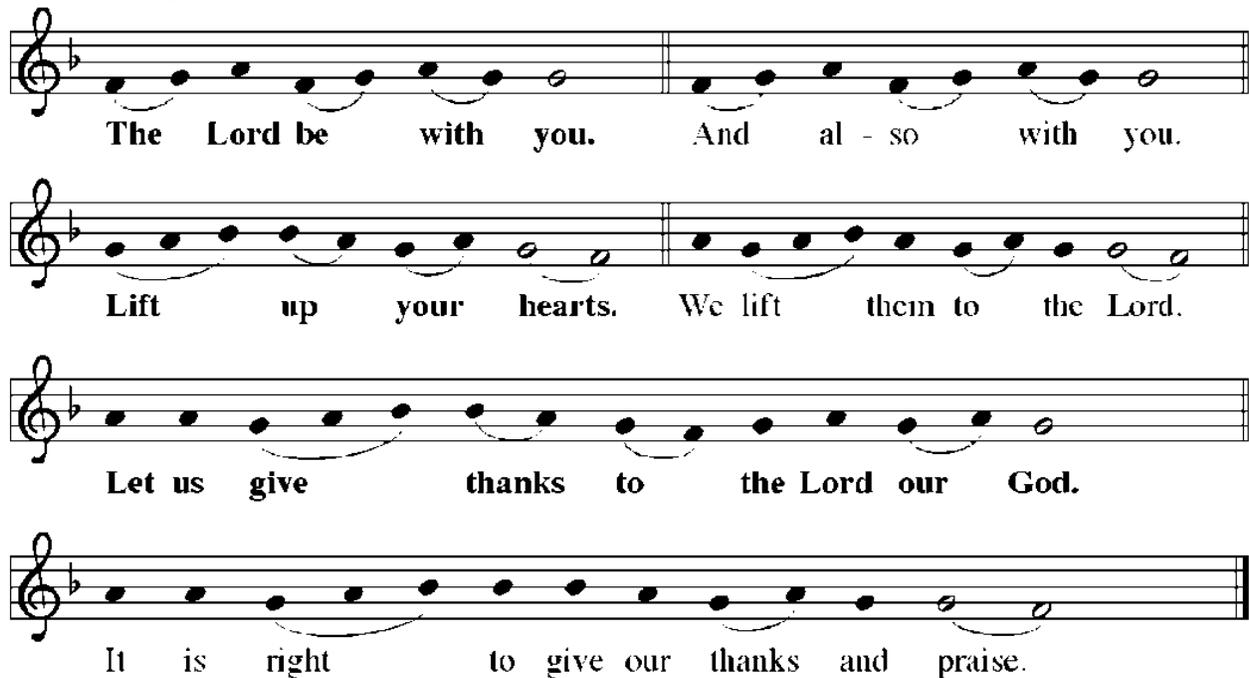
meas - ura - ble rich - ness of His Grace thru' Je - sus Christ, **thru'**

His Great Love with which He loved us.

Offertory Prayer

- A. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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

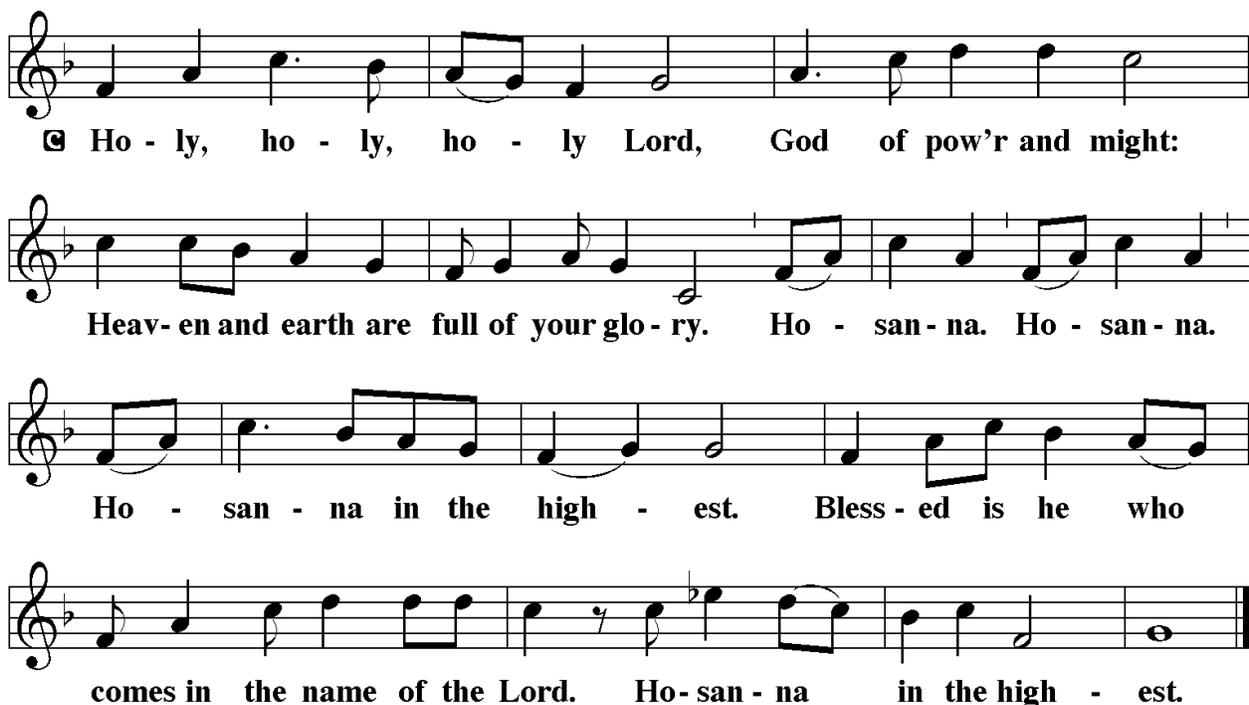
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface: It is truly right . . .

The 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

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

Invitation to Communion

P. The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

C. Amen.

*Jesus,
Lamb of God*

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

<i>O Blessed Spring</i>	ELW 447
<i>Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life</i>	ELW 719
<i>O God of Every Nation</i>	ELW 713

Post Communion Blessing

P. God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

Post Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C. Amen

Benediction

A. The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and †bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Build Us Up, Lord

ELW 670

Dismissal

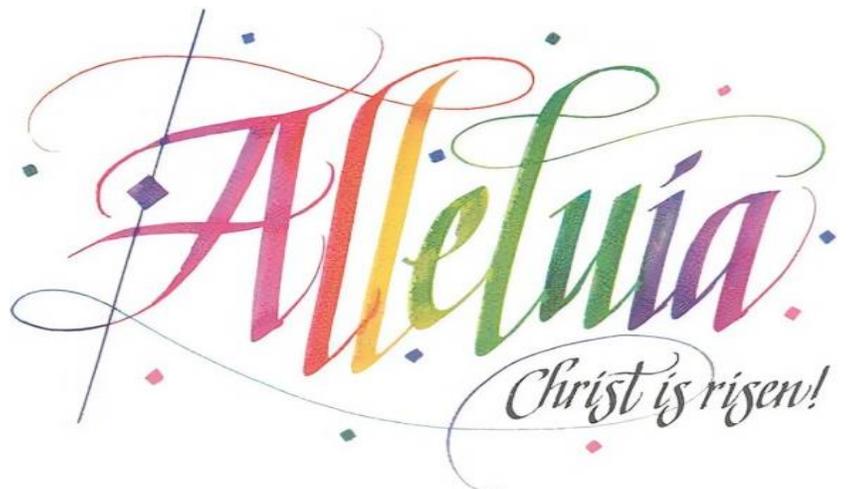
A. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P. Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Serving from the Heart

Servers for Sunday, May 22nd:

Assisting Minister..... Julie Bogle
Reader
Altar Guild Sylvia Lambert
Greeters/Counters Gale Isaacs/Steve Brantley
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Flowers this week provided by Sylvia Lambert in honor of her parents.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.



After Worship Food & Fellowship
provided by the Altar Guild

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAROLINA
MUDCATS



Today at 1:00 PM
FIRST ANNUAL
DAVE HASH MEMORIAL OUTING
TO A MUDCATS BASEBALL GAME

May 25	7:00 am	Rotary Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
May 28	9:00 am	Knitting & Crochet Group
May 29	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Worship Service – 7 th Sunday of Easter

May 30



June 1	7:00 am	Rotary Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
June 3	7:00 pm	Men's Group Meeting
June 5	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Worship Service – Day of Pentecost
June 8	7:00 am	Rotary Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
June 11	9:00 am	Knitting & Crochet Group
	9:00 am	Church Workday

