

The Lord's Day 11:00 AM May 22, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "he will give it to you" (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full" (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation "of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev. 21:22).

Prayer before the service: Lord Jesus, speak to me today in your Word. Help me to listen to you. Make me a witness to my family, my neighbors, and co workers of your great love for all people. In your name I pray. Amen.

THE PRESERVICE MUSIC

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

R Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

C He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

R My heart is in anguish within me;

C The terrors of death have fallen upon me.

R But I call to God,

C And the Lord will save me.

R Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

C And he hears my voice.

R He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

C For many are arrayed against me. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

R Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

C He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

SONG OF INVOCATION *“Peace Be Yours”*

**Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you
As we gather now and your whole life through,
Blessing and mercy and wholeness too.
May God’s peace be yours. 1**

**Peace be yours as you scatter from here.
Anywhere you go, God is always near,
Loving and calming your deepest fear.
May God’s peace be yours. 2**

**Seek your strength where the Lord does abide
When the greatest evil is at your side.
In Word and Sacrament, Christ resides.
May God’s peace be yours. 3**

**Always know He has conquered the one
Who defies your life in God’s only Son.
Yours is the struggle that Christ has won.
May God’s peace be yours. 4**

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THE FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

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.” 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. So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and 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 some days. 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. 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. 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Rev. 21:9-14, 21-27

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." 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, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And 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 gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG *"Seek Ye First"*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.**

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THE GOSPEL READING

John 16:23-33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those that believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. As a called and ordained 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with

the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

THE CHILDREN'S TALK

THE SONG OF THE DAY

HYMN 830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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THE SERMON “Share the Good News of Jesus with Everyone” Acts 16:9-15

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE PRAYERS "Lord, in Your mercy. . .hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Sit

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Come to the Table”

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.**

Chorus:

**Come at the Lord’s invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

Repeat from Beginning

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“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

**Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.**

Refrain:

**You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain:***

**Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain:***

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“As The Deer”

**As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

Refrain:

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

**You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. *Refrain:***

**I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye. *Refrain:***

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THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

SONG *“Our God is An Awesome God”*

**Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God.**

Repeat twice.

Ending:

Our God is an awesome God.

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