

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022



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AT THE PEARLY GATES

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” & “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” (arr. Manz)

A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you!

903 THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made;
 He calls the hours His own.
 Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
 And praise surround the throne.
- 2 Today He rose and left the dead,
 And Satan's empire fell;
 Today the saints His triumphs spread
 And all His wonders tell.
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King,
 To David's holy Son!
 Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
 Salvation from Your throne.
- 4 Blessèd is He who comes to us
 With messages of grace;
 He, in the Lord's name, comes to us
 To save our fallen race.
- 5 Hosanna in the highest strains
 The Church on earth can raise.
 The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
 Shall give Him nobler praise.

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. *Psalms 56:3*

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** This is the day that the LORD has made.
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24; John 16:23, 33

P On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, “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.” Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Almighty God,

C **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Although Jesus foretold about the disciples’ scattering that very night, yet He said, “I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C **Amen! And may peace also be with you.**

P Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good,

C **by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15

⁹A 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.” ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴One 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. ¹⁵And 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰And 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, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It 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— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . . ²¹And 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. ²²And I saw no

temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And 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. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Creation Praise” (Martin) Choir / Flutes – Tom Mackin & Becky Pflughoeft

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] “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. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“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. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now 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.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, 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. ³³I 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

901 OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoever temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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SERMON “At the Pearly Gates” Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

CREED Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

At the end of the prayer:

C Amen.

Early service please continue with the Anthem, Lord’s Prayer, & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us

and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

ANTHEM "As We Break the Bread" (Althouse)

915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessèd angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.

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474 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

- 1 Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! **Refrain**
- Refrain** Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way,
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**
- 3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**
- 4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**
- 5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.
- C** **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANTHEM “You Are Mine” (Haas, arr. Hayes) Choir / Flute – Tom Mackin

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

923 ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav’n appear.

△ 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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POSTLUDE “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (arr. Burkhardt)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48; Luke 14:25-15:10

Monday: Numbers 8:5-26; Luke 15:11-32

Tuesday: Numbers 9:1-23; Luke 16:1-18

Wednesday: Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 16:19-31

Thursday: Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35; Luke 17:1-19

Friday: Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16; Luke 17:20-37

Saturday: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Luke 18:1-17

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Dean, Healing

Herb, health issues

Wes, health issues

Del, health issues

Jack, ongoing health issues

June, health issues

Mehria in the Middle East, safety

Blake

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Lauren, cancer

Margo, health issues

Mike's mother - Jean, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.

For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.

Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Richard, recovering

William, 6-year-old, leukemia

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Kent, Kristy's brother, recovery

Elgart, cancer

Lauren's mother

Shirley, health issues

Nancy, health issues

Dave, health issues

Jim, Parkinson's

Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Duane, cancer

Lois, recovery

Tony, heart issues

Jr Savior Families: John & Nancy, Donn & Cindy, Jennifer & Family, Jeff & Carla, Don & Diane

Our Confirmands: Ashton, Cole, C.J., Alex, and Matthew

Hymn of the Week "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction