



*Online Worship for the  
Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 17, 2020*

Prelude

"Better is One Day"

Matt Redman

Shout of Victory and Welcome

P: Alleluia! Christ is STILL risen! *Aha!*

**C: He is STILL risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gathering Prayer

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Loving God, gather us together as Your people, and breathe new life into our lives this day. We are hungry for Your hope; we long for Your presence; we desire to keep Your commandments to show our love for You. Send Your Spirit to be our Helper and to bless us as we worship You today; in Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB #549:1,2,5,6,7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,  
6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball  
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit;

**C: Amen.**

Opening Verses

*Drawn from Matthew 28, Hebrews 2 & Psalm 8*

P: Alleluia! Christ has risen from the dead.

**C: God has crowned Him with glory and honor!**

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
He has put all things under His feet; Alleluia!

**C: 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.**

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Confession and Absolution

Drawn from 1 Peter 3

P: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,

**C: that He might bring us to God.**

P: Since we have been brought to God and counted righteous through our Baptism into Christ, let us appeal to the Lord for a good conscience and confess our sins to Him.

*We keep a time of silence for reflection on God's Word and for personal confession.*

P: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have not obeyed. We confess that we have not been zealous for what is good. So often rebellious, we have sinned against You by selfish thoughts, unkind words, and unloving actions. So often fearful and hesitant, we have failed to give the reason for the hope that is within us. So often cool and callous, we have not been gentle or respectful with those outside the faith.

**C: But Christ our righteous Lord suffered for all our unrighteousness, and we are baptized into Him; for His sake, O God, save us from all our sins. Give us Your Holy Spirit to help us know and keep Your commandments, and so show our love for You; Amen.**

P: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus' suffering and death for us, He has brought us to God and declared us righteous. Because He lives, we also shall live!

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you;

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share the Lord's peace with those at home with you, or with a comment to everyone on the livestream.*

Song of Praise

"Our God Saves"

**In the Name of the Father; in the Name of the Son; in the Name of the Spirit; Lord, we come.  
We're gathered together to lift up Your Name, to call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.**

*Refrain:*

**Hear the joyful sound of our offering,  
As Your saints bow down, as Your people sing.  
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings,  
And the world will see that our God saves! Our God saves!  
There is hope in Your Name; mourning turns to songs of praise;  
Our God saves! Our God saves!**

Prayer of the Day

P: Alleluia! Christ is STILL risen; *Aha!*

**C: He is STILL risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: O God, giver of all that is good, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we may not only think about those things that are right, but also, by His strength and merciful guidance, gladly do them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; Amen**

First Reading

*Acts 17:16-31*

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

"In Him we live and move and have our being";  
as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed His offspring."



<sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"Built on the Rock"

LSB #645:1-3,5



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



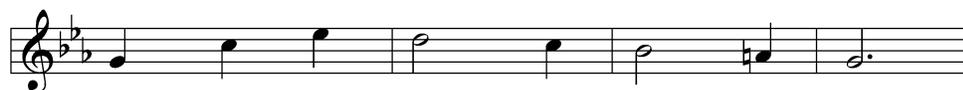
stee - ples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Sermon

Pastor Adam Wiegand

"Knowing the Unknown God"

Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LSB #802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Song for Prayer

"You Are My All in All"

**You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek: You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool: You are my All in All.**

*Refrain:*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

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Prayers of the Church

P: O Lord, our God, strengthen our faith and make our hearts bold so that that we may not shrink in fear but bring our prayers to You in humble, loving trust as dear children ask their dear fathers. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, who even now is pleading for us. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I: O Lord, help us to proclaim Jesus Christ to those who do not yet know Him, and bless us to be a part of Your work of bringing people to faith and the knowledge of the truth. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, since Your Church has always been dispersed throughout the world, and we are now dispersed into our homes and communities, still keep us united in You, loving one another as members together in the Body of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I: O Lord, You know the needs of our congregation better than we do ourselves, and so today we lift up to You our Governing and CCC Boards, our Small Groups and Bible Studies and their leaders, our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers, our Vacation Bible School and Technology Teams. Bless them to please You and bless others in all that they do. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, we pray for the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, and for those who are weary of the pandemic, and for those who are longing for the fellowship of the Church. Help us to bear one another's burdens. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I: O Lord, we thank You for the many ways You give us to love our neighbor. Encourage all who are presently unemployed and help them find meaningful work where they can put their gifts to good use. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Song for Prayer

"You Are My All in All"

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again, I bless Your name: You are my All in All.  
When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup: You are my All in All.**

*Refrain:*

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P: O Lord, remember the sick and those who suffer, especially these that we name before You . . . Heal them according to Your will. By Your mercy, protect us from the pandemic under which the world suffers, and bring it soon to an end. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I: O Lord, we rejoice at the birth of little Wesley. Since You have given him earthly life, lead him also to the waters of baptism that he might also receive Your gift of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, comfort all who mourn, especially for those who have passed away in recent days, and for those who have succumbed to COVID-19. Bless us so that if we must grieve, we may do so, confident of Your care, and sure of our own resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

I: O Lord, be with us until the day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and we worship with saints and angels before You. Lord, in Your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

### 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.**

### Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LSB #922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

### Closing Prayer

P: O Lord, by Your grace we have come again to the beginning of a new week. Since You promised to send us another Helper—the Spirit of Truth, into His hands we place the tasks that we face, the problems that we are called to solve, the fears that we dread, and the hopes toward which we press, knowing that only what You bless will prosper. We commit each other and all those we love to Your love and protection, knowing that in You alone do we have peace in life and even in death.

**C: Amen.**

### Sending and Farewell

P: We are Gathered by God—

**C: To Share the Love of Jesus!**

P: Go in Peace; Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

“My Lord, What a Morning”

*Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram & Reuben Morgan*

## Prayer Requests

*Please send prayer requests to [prayer@spalutheran.org](mailto:prayer@spalutheran.org)*

### **Prayer Requests Received the Week of May 10**

- Marie (Non-healing leg wound; anticipating surgery for another issue)
- Seve (For good health and long life)
- Lorraine (Health and Finances)
- Ronald (Cancer)
- Mary (Lung cancer, beginning treatments)
- Ruth Ann (anticipating biopsy)
- Rudi (Pneumonia and low oxygen levels, COVID-19 positive)
- Barbara (Undergoing testing for cancer)
- Derek (Recovering from pinched nerve)
- Kerry (Recovering from tick born illness)
- Ann (Breast cancer)
- Arianna
- Alisabeth
- Brandon
- Carol
- Carol (Fell and hurt knee, may she make good medical decisions for her care)
- Cheryl
- Colleen
- Morgan
- Isla
- Sherry
- Stacey (Recovering after mastectomy)

### **St. Paul's Congregational Concerns**

- For our Governing and CCC Boards, that they may have wisdom in planning our re-openings.
- For our Stephen Ministers as they keep our homebound and isolated members connected.
- For our Technology Team as they work to enhance communication in and beyond St. Paul's.
- For our Small Groups and Bible Studies, that they foster faith and fellowship.
- For the VBS Team to make sound decisions regarding this year's program.
- For our entire church family, that God keeps us gathered while we are scattered.

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

- For the birth of Wesley

### **For Those Who Mourn**

- For the family of Jame, who passed away on Sunday, May 10.
- For the family of George, who passed away on Friday, May 16.

### **For the Wider Church**

- For Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Middle Island, NY for the strength and endurance of the congregation as they and all of us wait to be able to worship together again in person, and for a growing sense of revival in their congregation and in the country.
- For Emanuel Lutheran Church in Patchogue as they go through a time of transition. Currently without a pastor, may the members work together to be Jesus' church in that place.

### **For Frontline Workers Helping with COVID-19**

- Chris (Saratoga Hospital)
- Ellen (Albany Medical Center)
- Erin (Saratoga County)
- Jenn (Saratoga Hospital)
- Kira (Saratoga Hospital)
- Mara (Saratoga Hospital)

### **Prayer Requests Received the Week of May 3**

- Mark (Stage 4 pancreatic cancer)
- Kendall (Recovering from surgery)
- Santiago (Restoration of family, finances and health)
- Jane (Had a stroke and surgery to remove blood clots, recovering)
- Gail (Continued prayers for health)
- Heather
- Geoff (Continued hospitalization & surgeries after construction accident)
- Jeanne
- Freddy (COVID+)

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- Fritz (COVID+ and lost daughter to disease this week)
- Jan
- Juliana and Alex (13 years old with no parents after losing their mom to COVID-19)
- Marie (COVID+; wife of Freddy)

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

- Kevin has completed chemotherapy!
- For our wonderful church family and for the "parade" on Sunday that was very uplifting to our spirits (From the Wiegand family)

### **For Those Who Mourn**

- For the family of Ann, who passed away due to complications from COVID-19
- For the family of Bill, who passed away after a heart attack
- For the family of Eileen, who passed away from COVID-19
- For the family of Brandon, who passed away Saturday, May 2;)

### **For the Wider Church**

- For Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rego Park, NY and Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hyde Park, NY. We join them in praying for their most vulnerable church members, asking the Lord to provide for them with finances and government assistance. We ask you God to bless them and all our congregations with kingdom growth as their online services reach a potentially much larger audience. May we all take this unique opportunity and turn it for good for the glory of Christ.

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