



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Faith, Hope, and Love**  
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**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

(+) Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Risen Lord,

**We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation, calls us into new life for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

(+) Gathering Song

*Gather Us In*

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1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry;  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away –  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

(+) 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.**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*
- 3 Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*
- 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(+) Prayer of the Day

God of love,

**In Christ Jesus, you have set for us an example of what it means to love one another. By loving us, you teach us to love. Draw us back to your example again and again, that we might live with one another in mutual service and carry your love into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

13:1 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The gospel according to Mark...

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

12:28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

Song

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
 all thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
 pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation,  
 enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

#### 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,  
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

Assisting Minister: God of new life,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Peace

**MEAL**      *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

*We give thanks to God and to you for your gifts and offerings.  
Our offering plate is located near the baptismal font at the  
entrance of the church, and we invite you to place your  
offering in the plate as you enter worship or at any time.*

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

**we offer ourselves, our time, and our resources to you,  
that you would use them to transform our world  
for the good of all people and all creation.**

**Accept these gifts as a sign of our faithfulness to you  
and our commitment to the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving*

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The Lord be with you.

**And also 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...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth...  
Through him all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

(+) 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.**

Communion

*We will receive communion at the altar railing. Please wait to come forward until directed by the usher. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Please take a prefilled cup from the communion tray and then place it in the empty tray as you leave the altar.*

*Prepackaged communion kits are also available near the entrance to the sanctuary if you would prefer to receive communion at your seat rather than coming forward.*

*Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to  
conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of  
life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to  
your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all  
the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

(+) Blessing

May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face –  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**