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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 22nd, 2022**

**Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Hymn of Promise* by Natalie Sleeth

**St. John's Choristers**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please stand.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

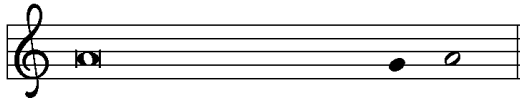
**Gathering Hymn**

**Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)**

**Greeting**

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.**



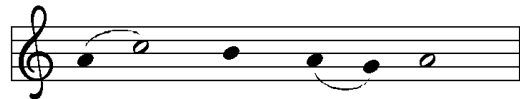
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



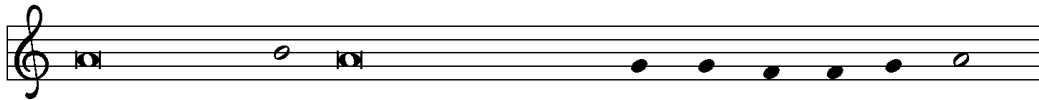
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

## First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

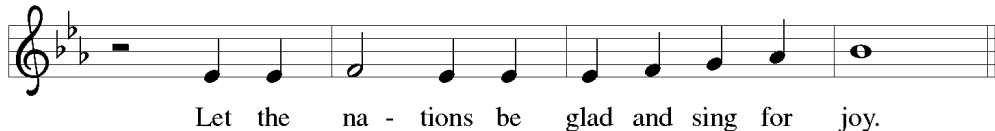
L: <sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

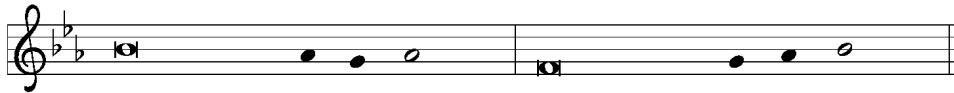
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 67



Psalm 67:4

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

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known <sup>1</sup> upon earth,  
your saving health a- <sup>1</sup> mong all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup> sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- <sup>1</sup> tions on earth. R**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples <sup>1</sup> praise you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought <sup>1</sup> forth its increase;  
God, our own <sup>1</sup> God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God <sup>1</sup> give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth <sup>1</sup> stand in awe. R

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5**

L: <sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>22:1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (*Cantor sings refrain, then all repeat*)

**Refrain:**



*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me.*

**GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

P: <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [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. <sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.

<sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Refrain:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Please be seated.*

**Youth Sermon**

**Pastor Caleb Jeffers**

**Send Me, Lord**  
*Thuma mina*

Leader All  
 Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
 (2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
 (3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib. End  
 2 Lead me, Lord.  
 3 Fill me, Lord.  
 mi - na, So - man - dla.  
 Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
 Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
 Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Caleb Jeffers**

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Love Divine, All loves Excelling (ELW 631)**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. Herman and Ianissa have come to our congregation.

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated.*

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*New Members:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us. Welcome.**

P: Let us welcome Herman and Ianissa in Christ to this community of faith.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: We give you thanks for our new members Herman and Ianissa, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

### **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.**

A: Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Lord of mercy we pray for the people of Ukraine. We ask for a speedy end to the conflict. We pray for those that have lost loved ones. May your mercy surround them. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace, with special care in our hearts for Muriel Leafstedt, Ruth Haas, Chris Gates, Gloria Boenisch, Ernie Clauss, Beverly R., Lauren, Cheri and Kenny Knippa, Albert Tietze, Marvin Echte, Cheryl Miller, Malton Luddeke, Lisa Warren, Laura Baker, Sharon Blackburn, Dora Esquivel, and Carol Wendel. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**Peace**



P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.** (Please greet those nearest you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

### Offertory

*I Will Not Leave You Comfortless* by Everett Titcomb  
St. John's Choir

*Please stand.*

### Offertory Response

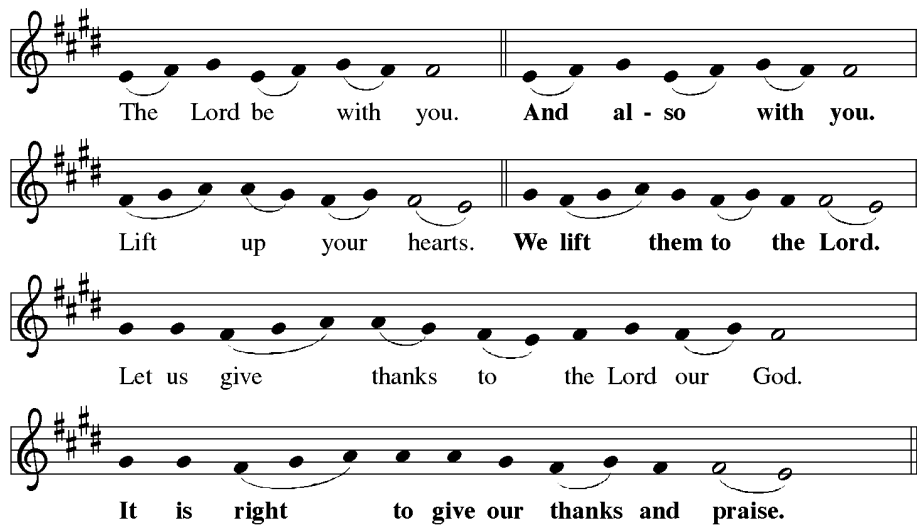
*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### Offering Prayer

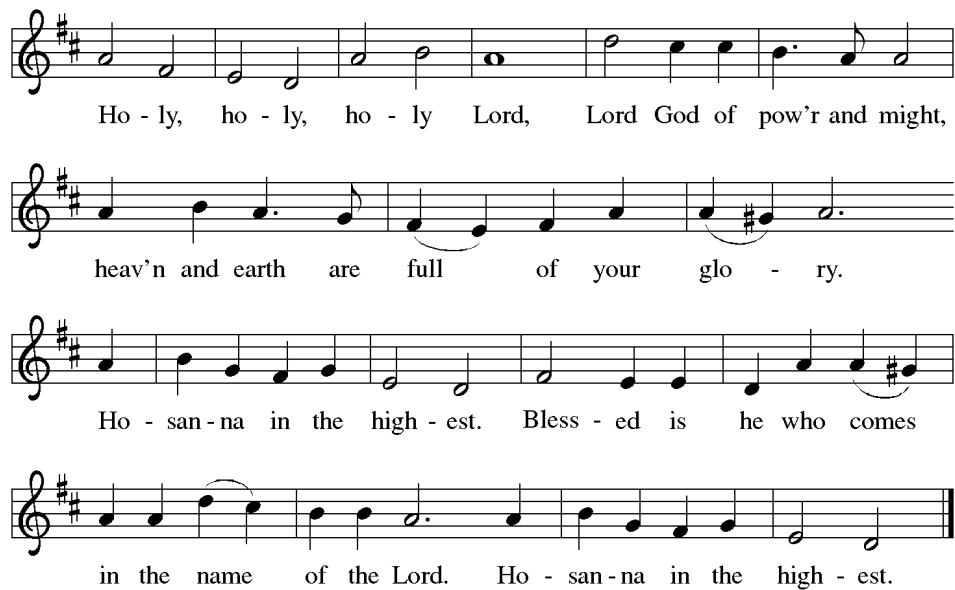
A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### 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.

P: It is . . .  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

P: You are indeed holy . . .  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering . . .  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



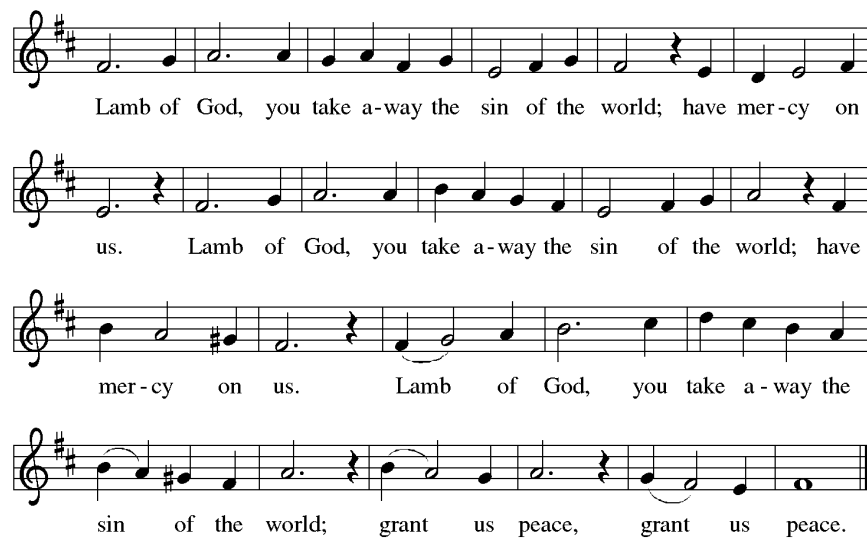
A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.**

P: When we eat this bread we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.



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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

### Hymns During Holy Communion

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW 332)

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (ELW 403)

When Peace Like a River (ELW 785)

### Holy Communion

*Please stand.*

### Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

**We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

***Vruechten/Easter Carol* by Alan Bullard**

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