

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Јони 15:9-17

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021 4:30PM

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 11:00AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand. **OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" of Tune my heart to 1 Come, Thou Fount ev - 'ry bless - ing, 2 Here I raise mv Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy 3 Oh. how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con to grace 4 Oh. that day when freed from sin - ning, Ι shall see Thy 0 Streams sing Thy grace; of mer - cy, nev er ceas - ing, by help I've come: And Ι hope, Thy good plea - sure, be: Let that grace now like strained to fet - ter a Clothed then the blood - washed lin - en, love ly face; in While the Call for songs of loud - est praise. hope of end-less ar - rive Safe - ly to at home. Je sus sought me when a Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord. no long - er Fills heart with and love, Teach glo my joy me ry Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; strang - er, He. to feel it; Prone to leave the God Ι love. Here's my tar Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine ry; a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good-ness prove. ev - er to In - ter-posed His me from dan - ger, pre - cious blood. res - cue Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. heart. O take and seal it, an - gels soon car - ry Me to realms of end - less to dav. Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

 ${\tt P}$ In the name of the Father and of the ${\tt T}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

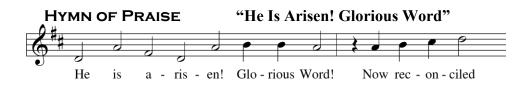
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

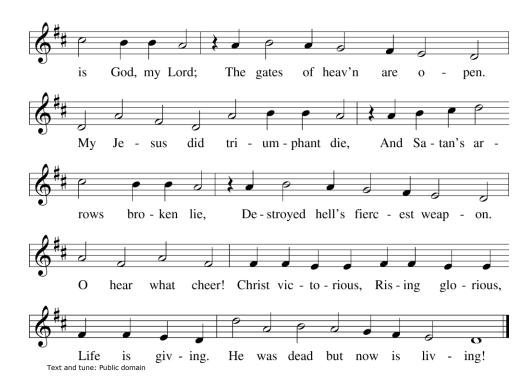
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING

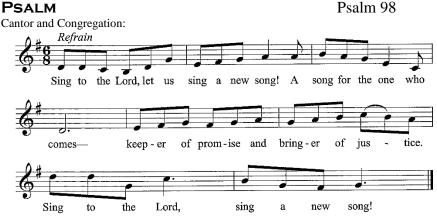
Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is

Acts 10:34-48

acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Cantor:

Sing to the Lord, let us sing a new song! Sing of the marvelous things the Lord does. Sing of the hand of the Lord reaching out, all the world seeing the Lord save His own. Why sing a new song? Because the Lord saves, keeping His promises to Israel. *Refrain* Singing with harps and with trumpets and horns!

Roars from the oceans and shouts from what swims!

Clapping of hands from the rivers and streams! Song from the mountains as they all rejoice! Why all these praises? Because the Lord comes, He comes with justice for all the world. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

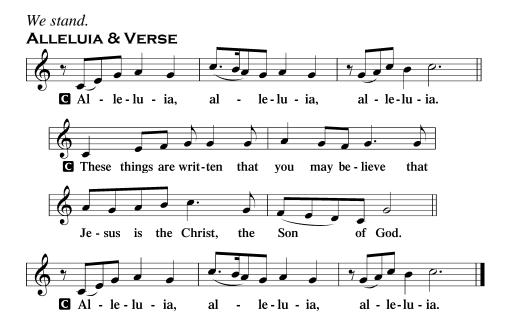
1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

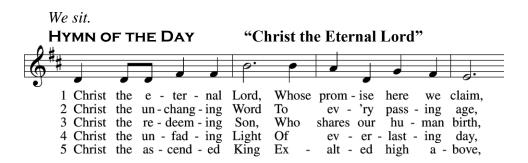
C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.





Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set And by His death sal - va - tion won For Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way; Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;

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With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne, Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read, tell Your love spire our hearts, we То a - broad. In pray, You give That light of truth То ser - vants as to friends, When mor - tal Your voice from heav-en's throne life is past



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known. With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed. That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord. Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends. Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

SERMON "God Shows No Partiality"

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

> And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION



Postlude



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