

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

9:30 AM



I leave with you;

My *Peace*
I give you.

John 14:27



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Visions are the distinctive mark of this day. Paul receives a vision from God telling him that he needs to leap from one continent to another to take the good news abroad. John the Seer shares his vision of the new Jerusalem—an image of what it means to live with God. Jesus is the reflection of God's plan for the world and for our lives.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Stand

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** **Have mercy on us.**

C **We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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Tune: Melchior Vulpinus, c. 1570–1615; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Ps. 118:24; *Matt.* 28:8; *Lk.* 25:7–9; *Rom.* 6:9

[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.

C Kyrie Refrain



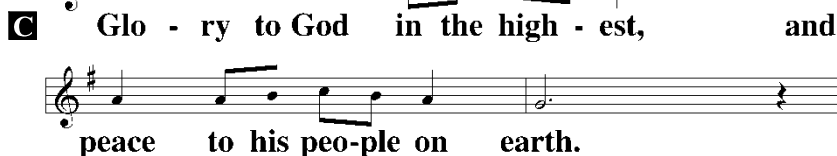
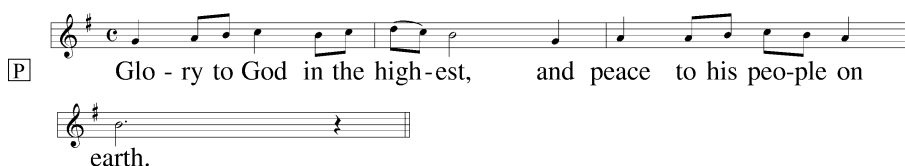
(Congregation sings Refrain after each verse)

Kyrie Verses *(soloist or choir or pastor):*

1. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom.
2. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.
3. You will come in glory with salvation for your people.

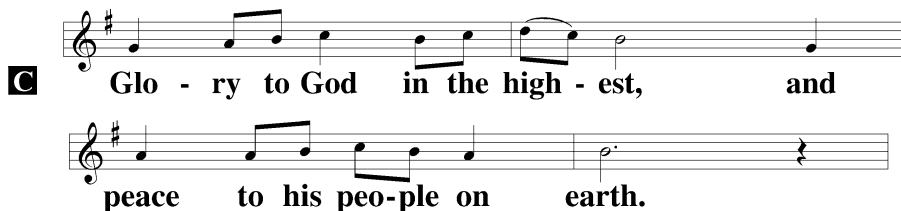
GLORIA Refrain *(pastor sings the first half of Refrain)*

(congregation sings Refrain after each verse as shown)



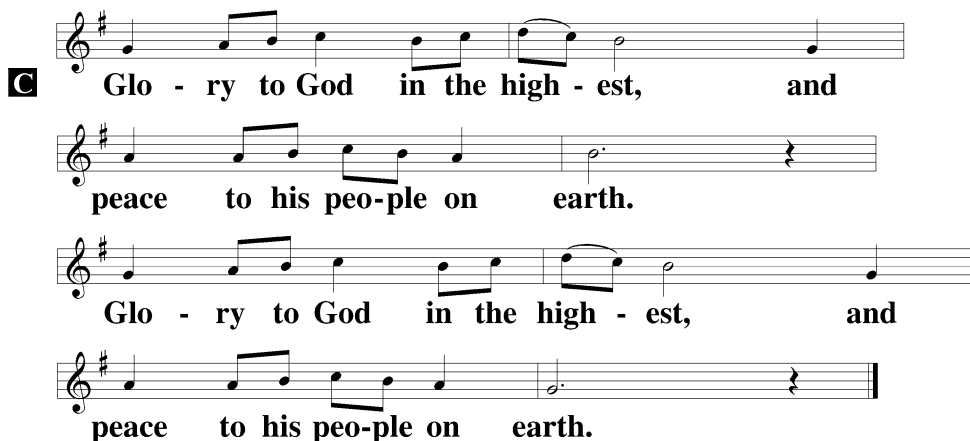
Verses *(sung by soloist or choir or pastor)*

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.





2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sit

FIRST LESSON Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

R 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." 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.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 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. 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. 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. 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

R And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 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. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day--and there

will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 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.

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 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. 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; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (Stand and sing twice; leader may also ask it to be sung in canon)

C

P The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 14, beginning at verse 23.

C Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus promises to send the Advocate to teach and remind us of all Jesus taught. Under this Spirit's guidance, we shall gain a deepened understanding of what Jesus has told us, and we shall experience Jesus' gift of peace that overcomes fear.

P Jesus answered him, "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. 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.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. 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. 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. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

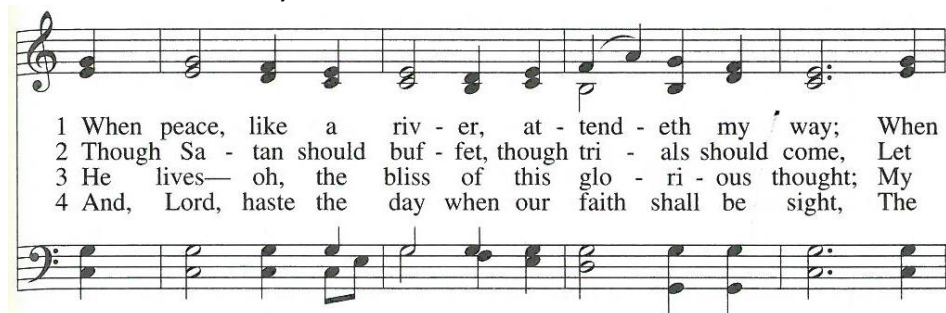
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

MESSAGE "Spirit of Peace" John 14:23-29

Stand

HYMN "When Peace, Like a River"



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "When Peace, Like a River". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody with various note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. Below the staves, the lyrics are written in four lines, each corresponding to a measure of the music. The lyrics are: 1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

sor - rows, like sea bil-lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–88, alt.
 Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–76

IT IS WELL
 11 8 11 9 and refrain

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Is. 26:3; Luke 2:29; Rom. 5:1; Col. 3:15

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Stand

[P] Let us pray. Merciful Father,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them up

to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give God

thanks and praise.

[P] It is our duty and delight...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

introduction: 3 notes

C

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. It begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!' The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 Lord, God of pow-er and might,
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 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. Ho -
 san - na in the high - - - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

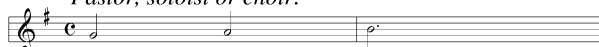
LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Pastor, soloist or choir:

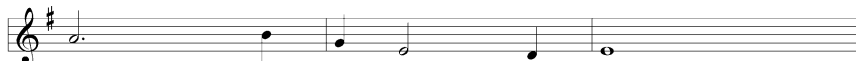


1) Lamb of God,
 2) Prince of Peace,

Congregation:



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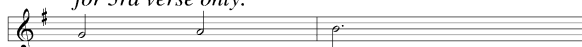
world: have mer - cy on us.
 world: have mer - cy on us.



(interlude is played during these measures) (after 1st verse, go to beginning for 2nd verse)
 (after 2nd verse, the song continues below)

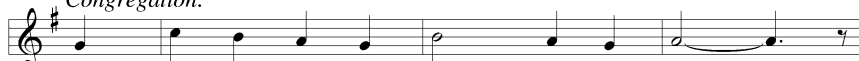
Pastor, soloist or choir:

for 3rd verse only:



3) Lamb of God,

Congregation:



C you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN **“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

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sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er -
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly

up lift - ed up. (2 Thine the)
 loss lift - ed high. (3 Thine the)
 more ev - er - more. (4 Thine the)
 feast at Thy feast. (5 Thine the)
 Thee on - ly Thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Matt. 26:26-29; Rev. 19:1-16; Rev. 7:9-14; Rev. 5:6-14

Stand

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.

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -

sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -

ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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EARTH AND ALL STARS

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Matt. 28:5-7; 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Rev. 5:6-14; John 15:1-8

POSTLUDE

----- *The liturgy is ended; let the service begin* -----

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
