# 6 Easter



May 17, 2020

A Welcoming Community, Experiencing God, Reaching Out and Raising Up Followers of Jesus Christ.

We are using Ray Makeever's worship setting "Come, Let Us Worship God." Please refer to the Worship Booklet (WB) with music and words as noted in your bulletin if you would like musical notes for the service.

## **Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

#### "Come, Let Us Worship God"

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(Congregation, please echo the song leader.)

- Come, let us worship God.
   Welcome everyone. To the love of God.
- 2. Rest for the weary.
  Welcome everyone. To the love of God.
- 3. Food for the hungry.
  Welcome everyone. To the love of God.
- 4. Hope for the children. Welcome everyone. To the love of God.

#### Call to Confession

P: Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

(Silence for reflection)

#### **Prayer of Confession**

C: Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

## Forgiveness

P: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: God of love, have mercy. For the peace from above, let us pray to our God: God of love, have mercy. For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all people, pray to our God: God of love, have mercy. God of love, have mercy. For the people of God, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God: God of love, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious God. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

#### **Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an 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, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people

everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 66:8-20

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.** 

#### Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, 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 made subject to him.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.** 

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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May our words, may our songs, may our worship this day Fill up our hearts and give us new sight.

May our prayers, may our praise give us light for our days, And open our lives to the Word.

Open our lives to the living Word.

Open our hearts to the truth we have heard.

May our words, may our songs, may our worship this day Open our lives to the Word.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"A Pep Talk From Jesus"

**Pastor Kathy** 

## **Hymn of the Day**

"You Are Mine"

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- I will come to you in the silence,
  I will lift you from all your fear.
  You will hear my voice,
  I claim you as my choice.
  Be still and know I am here."
- "I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me."

#### Refrain

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!" Refrain

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## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

#### **Prayers of the People**

"Here My Cry Oh God"

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Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. Listen to my song: Singing praises all along.

## Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

C: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### Benediction

- To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!
- We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

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#### Dismissal

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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