SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ORDER OF WORSHIP • MAY 25, 2025 • 9:00 AM

✢ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✢ GATHERING HYMN

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR
LBW #364

✢ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

WL: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✢ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Brothers and sisters, God has called us here. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin against God and neighbor.

All: Loving God, we come to you, confessing our sin.
We do not live as people of welcome.
Our actions often wound rather than heal, and tear down rather than build up.
Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.
Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.
Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way.

SONG OF SUPPLICATION

SUNG BY THE PARISH CHOIR

DAY BY DAY
MARTIN HOW

WL: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

WL: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE — NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
LBW #534, STANZA 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

FIRST LESSON — ACTS 16:6-15

R: The First lesson for this Sixth Sunday of Easter is from the sixteenth chapter of Acts.

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON — REVELATION 21:9-14, 21-27

R: The Second lesson is from the twenty-first chapter of the Book of Revelation.

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✢ VERSE — BE NOT AFRAID!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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✢ HOLY GOSPEL — JOHN 16:23-33

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

"Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

"Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✢ MESSAGE HYMN — LEAD ME, LORD

The cantor will sing the verses. All join on the refrain:

Lead me, Lord. I will follow.
Lead me, Lord. I will go.
You have called me. I will answer.
Lead me, Lord. I will go.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✢ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
WL: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✢ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✢ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:
All: 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.

✢ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: Amen.

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COMMUNION MUSIC CHRISTOPHER LUDWIG, FLUTE

✢ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✢ BLESSING

WL: May the grace of Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
fill our hearts and minds and empower us to walk each day in love.

All: Amen.

✢ MEMORIAL DAY SENDING HYMN

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

✢ SENDING

WL: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WL: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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