

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* Rhonda R.

Welcome and Announcements

Eastertide Lament St. John's Lutheran Church

We assemble, praising the God of creation, rejoicing in the promise of the resurrection, and renewed in the gift of baptism.

Yet we stand with those who suffer throughout the world: victims of war, both soldiers and civilians; refugees fleeing violence; those forced into the loss of freedom; the oppressed seeking justice and social acceptance; those sick with coronavirus; the millions mourning their dead; the hungry and the homeless.

Hear us, O God.

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Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

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Sustain us to serve all in need.

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Give us your life.

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Hear these words and receive their power:

God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth.

God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life.

God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

Thanks be to God.



When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll,
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain:**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain:**

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: *And also with you.*

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.



Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 16:9-15

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.



Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

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Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

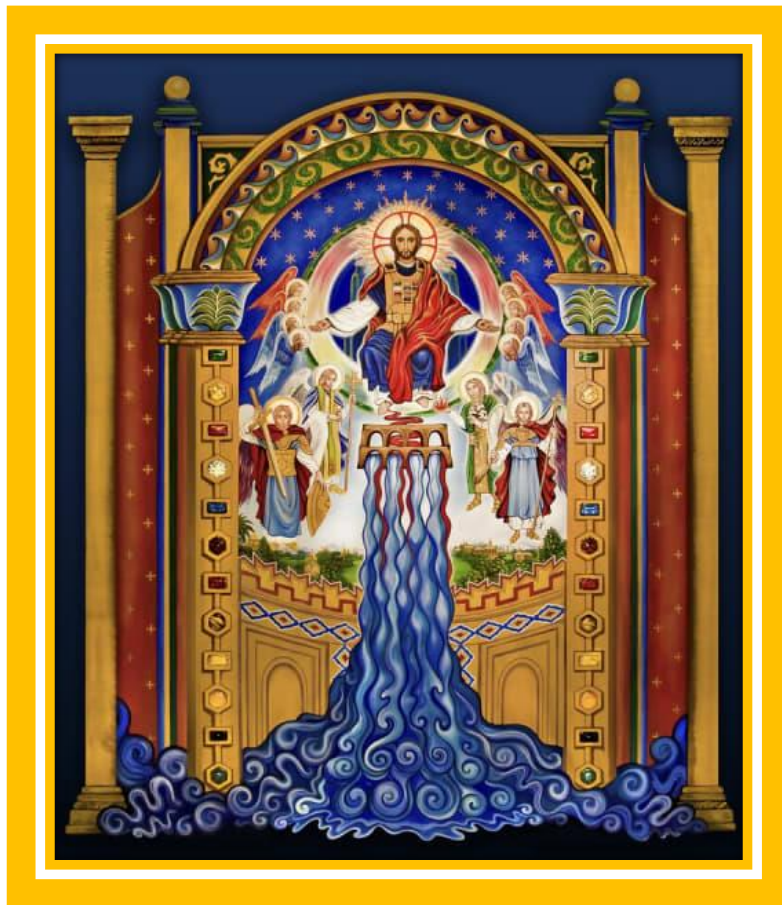
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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

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;

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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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Music: Thomas Pavlechko. Music © 2006 Thomas Pavlechko, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Gospel – John 14:23-29

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Pastor Mandsager

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. **Refrain:**

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Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. **Refrain:**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. **Refrain:**

Text: Robert Lowry; **Music:** Robert Lowry.

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the Church

Rev. Dr. Iain Greenshields,
Church of Scotland

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

Offertory

Variation on Alleluia!

Rhonda R.



HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song*Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food
while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you
free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none
can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in
endless joy. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon
you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace. **Amen.**

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Refrain:

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
 While to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
 How can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife,
 I hear that music ringing.
 It finds an echo in my soul.
 How can I keep from singing? **Refrain:**

What though my joys and comforts die?
 The Lord my Savior liveth.
 What though the darkness gather round?
 Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain:**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
 A fountain ever springing!
 All things are mine since I am his!
 How can I keep from singing? **Refrain:**

Text: Robert Lowry; **Music:** Robert Lowry, alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

It Is Well with My Soul

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