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The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs 1,3,4

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us

down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

THE GREETING

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

And also with you.

THE KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *Sing to the Lord a New Song*

Sarah McCutcheon

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

THE PSALM

Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

² **With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory**

³ The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.

⁴ **He remembers his mercy and
faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.**

⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶ **Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁸ **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy
before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰ **In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

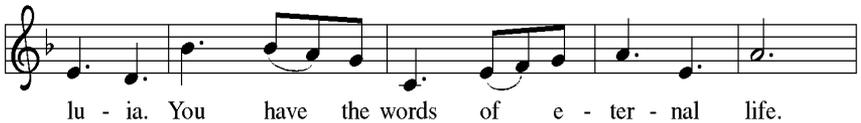
THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

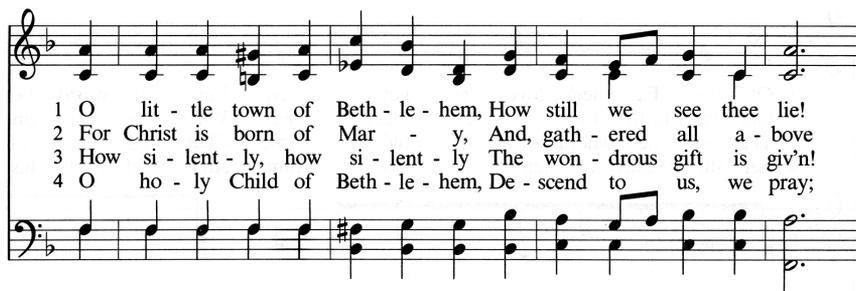
²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

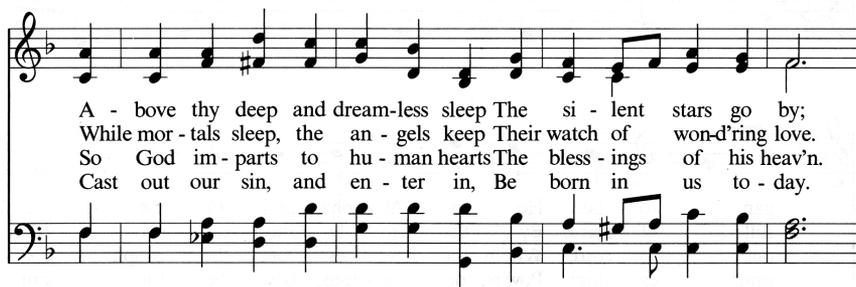
Praise to you, O Christ.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

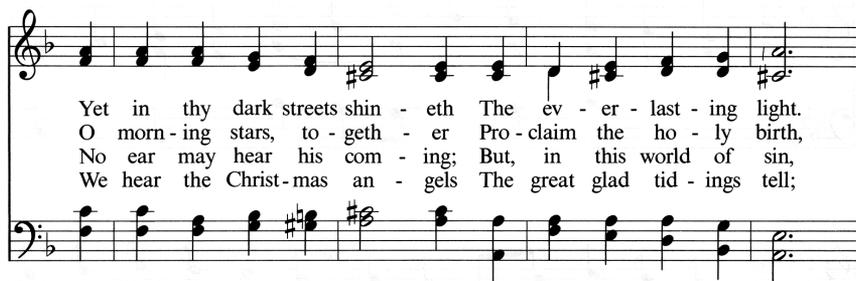
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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; But, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 Oh, come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
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**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

For All the Faithful Women

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1 For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,
 2 We praise your name for Mir-iam who sang tri-um-phant-ly
 3 To Han-nah, pray-ing child-less be-fore the throne of grace,
 4 We sing of Mar-y, moth-er, fair maid-en, full of grace.
 5 We praise the oth-er Mar-y who came at Eas-ter dawn

to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their sto-ry told.
 while Phar-aoh's vaunt-ed ar-my lay drowned be-neath the sea.
 you gave a son whose ser-vice would be be-fore your face.
 She bore the Christ, our broth-er, who came to save our race.
 and near the tomb did tar-ry, but found her Lord was gone.

They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.
 As Is-rael marched to free-dom, her chains of bond-age gone,
 Grant us her per-se-ver-ance; Lord, teach us how to pray,
 May we, with her, sur-ren-der our-selves to your com-mand
 As joy-ful-ly she saw him in res-ur-rec-tion light,

To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
 so may we reach the king-dom your might-y arm has won.
 to trust in your de-liv-er-ance when dark-ness hides our way.
 and lay up-on your al-tar our gifts of heart and hand.
 may we by faith be-hold him, the day who ends all night.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

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

THE AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" *verse 1*

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

Who won - drous things has done, In whom his world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

Who, from our moth-ers' arms, Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per-plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all harm In this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen

(silence for reflection)

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE