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**10:00 am Service**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**WE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITORS AND GUESTS AMONG US.  
WE PRAY THAT TODAY'S SERVICE IS A BLESSING TO YOU. PLEASE COME AGAIN!**

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We are celebrating the Sacrament of the Altar today. This is The Lord's Table. As a church and body of Christians we believe this:

We will be receiving the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with and under, the bread and wine.

When we receive Jesus' true body and blood, we receive the forgiveness of sins.

By communing together with our Lord and one another, we express a common belief that Jesus is in truth the Son of God, and our Savior; He is present in this Sacrament in a very real way; that Christ's sacrificial death assures us of complete forgiveness of our sins; and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a life that honors God.

If you share all these convictions, then you are welcome to come and celebrate the blessings of our Altar today. Please note that cups at the center of each tray are "non-alcoholic" wine for those who prefer such for medicinal and personal reasons. Pastor Erler is available before service if you have any questions.

A **NURSERY** with an attendant is available during worship service. You are welcome to use this service. Ask an usher for directions.

### PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

#### **BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

#### **BEFORE COMMUNING**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

# Confession and Absolution

## 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on -  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



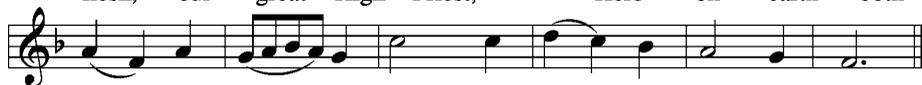
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

*Please Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
**and a light to my path.**

Forever, O LORD, your word  
**is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;  
**you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

By your appointment they stand this day,  
**for all things are your servants.**

If your law had not been my delight,  
**I would have perished in my affliction.**

I will never forget your precepts,  
**for by them you have given me life.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
**and a light to my path.**

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*(Hymn of Praise—also called the Gloria in Excelsis, or “Glory to God in the Highest.” This comes from the words that the angels sang outside of Bethlehem from Luke 2:13-14 “Suddenly a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.)*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*(Salutation and Collect-Before the collect, or prayer of the day, a salutation or a wish of blessing is shared between the Pastor and congregation. 2 Timothy 4:22 "The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you." The collects are a collection of prayers that have been used by the church throughout the years.)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

*Acts 17:16–31*

*(Old Testament-A reading of God's dealings with His people in the past.)*

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"In him we live and move and have our being";  
as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring.'

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*(Gradual-Latin for "steps" since we are leading up to the Gospel, this is a quote from scripture.)*

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**he has put all things under his feet.**

## Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

*(Epistle-“Letter,” texts taken from the various letter books of the New Testament. We remain seated during this reading because we are being instructed.)*

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

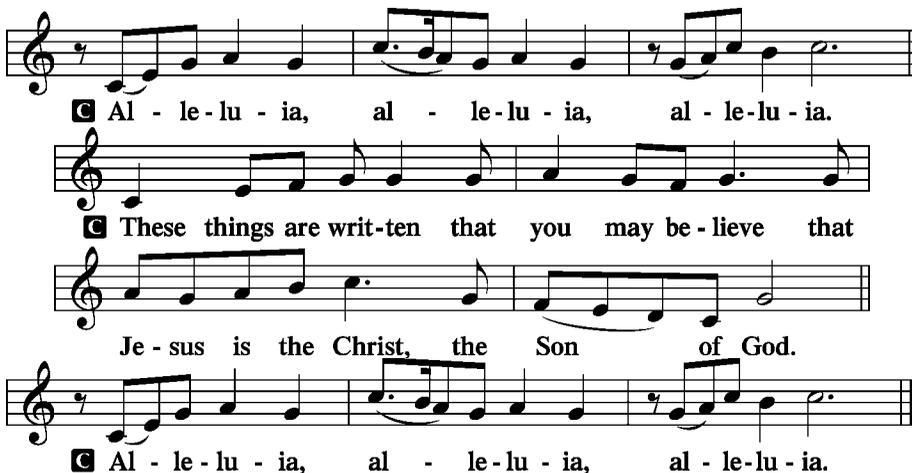
For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

*(Gospel Lesson—words of Christ or words about his life. We stand and sing the versicles which were used as passwords in the early church. Matthew 22:15-21)*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

☒ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Please be seated

(Hymn of the day-revolves around the theme of the day's worship.)

### 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!

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## Sermon

*Please stand*

## Prayer of the Church

The Pastor will end each petition with the phrase, "Lord in your mercy."  
The Congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

# Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Words by  
John Wilbur Chapman  
and Mark Hall

Music by  
Mark Hall and Michael Bleecker

## VERSE 1 & 2

A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup>

1. One day when heav - en was filled with His prais -  
2. One day they led \_\_\_\_\_ Him up Cal - v'ry's moun -

3 A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A

- es, one day when sin \_\_\_\_\_ was as black as could be, \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus came forth .  
- tain. One day they nailed \_\_\_\_\_ Him to die on a tree. \_\_\_\_\_ Suf - fer - ing an -

6 Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ to be born of a vir - gin, dwelt a - mong \_ men \_\_\_\_\_ my ex - am - ple is He .  
- guish, de - spised and re - ject - ed, bear - ing our \_\_\_\_\_ sins \_\_\_\_\_ my Re - deem - er is He .

9 Bm<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ The Word be - came flesh \_\_\_\_\_ and the light shined a - mong \_  
\_\_\_\_\_ The hand that healed na - tions stretched out on a tree \_\_\_\_\_

## CHORUS

11 F#m<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup> A

\_\_\_\_\_ us. His glo - ry re - vealed. \_\_\_\_\_ Liv - ing, He loved \_\_\_\_\_ me, dy - ing He saved .  
\_\_\_\_\_ and took the nails for me. \_\_\_\_\_

14 E F#m<sup>7</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ me. \_\_\_\_\_ Bur - ied, He car - ried my sins far a - way. \_\_\_\_\_

16 D<sup>2</sup> A E

Ris-ing, He jus - ti-fied free - ly for - ev - er. One day He's com-

19 F#m<sup>7</sup> Last time to Coda D<sup>2</sup> 1. A Dmaj<sup>7</sup>

- ing, O glo - ri - ous day, O glo - ri - ous day.

23 2. A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> VERSE 3

3. One day the grave could con- ceal Him no long-

27 A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A

- er, one day the stone rolled a- way from the door. Then He a - rose .

30 Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> A<sup>5</sup> A<sup>2</sup> A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup>

ov - er death He had con - quered. Now is as - cend - ed my Lord ev - er - more .

33 Bm<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep

35 F#m<sup>7</sup> E<sup>sus</sup> D.S. al Coda

Him from ris - ing a - gain. Liv - ing, He loved

37 Coda  
D<sup>2</sup>

O glo - ri - ous \_ day, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ glo - ri - ous \_ day. .

BRIDGE

40 A E D A E F#m

One day the trum - pet will sound \_ \_ \_ for His com - ing, \_

44 D A E C#m D A

one day the skies with His glo - ries will shine. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Won - der - ful day \_ my be - lov -

47 E F#m<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>

- ed one bring - ing \_ \_ \_ My Sav - ior Je - sus is mine. \_ \_ \_ Liv - ing. He loved \_

CHORUS

50 A E F#m<sup>7</sup>

\_ \_ me, dy - ing He saved \_ \_ me. \_ \_ \_ Bur - ied, He car - ried my sins far a - way. .

53 D<sup>2</sup> A E

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Ris - ing, He jus - ti - fied free - ly for - ev - er. \_ \_ \_ One day He's com -

ENDING

56 F#m<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup> A

- ing, O glo - ri - ous day, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ O glo - ri - ous \_ day, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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— glo - ri - ous \_ day. \_\_\_\_\_ O glo - ri - ous \_ day. —

D<sup>2</sup> A D<sup>2</sup>

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a vocal line. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter rest. The next two measures contain eighth notes: G4-A4, B4-A4, and G4-F#4. A slur covers the next two measures: a half note G4 and a half note A4. The final measure of this phrase is a quarter note G4. The second phrase begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter rest. The next two measures contain eighth notes: G4-A4, B4-A4, and G4-F#4. A slur covers the next two measures: a half note G4 and a half note A4. The final measure of this phrase is a quarter note G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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*"I am the Way, the  
Truth, and the Life."*  
JOHN 14:6