

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gelobt sei Gott in höchsten—Thorn E. Pepping

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

Confession of Sins

please stand

P In the name of the Father and of the † 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 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 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

G Amen.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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Refrain



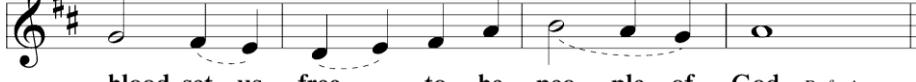
G This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **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.

G **Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 John 5:1-8

[John writes:] Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

please stand

G *(sung)* **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus says:] "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

G **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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When to our world the Savior came The sick and helpless heard His name,
And in their weakness longed to see The healing Christ of Galilee.

That good physician! Night and day The people thronged about His way;
And wonder ran from soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"

His praises then were heard and sung By opened ears and loosened tongue,
While lightened eyes could see and know The healing Christ of long ago.

Of long ago: yet living still, Who died for us on Calv'ry's hill;
Who triumphed over cross and grave, His healing hands stretched forth to save.

His sov'reign purpose still remains Who rose in pow'r, and lives and reigns;
Till ev'ry tongue confess His praise, The healing Christ of all our days.

Sermon

No Partiality

Acts 10:34-48

Hymn of Response

680 stanzas 1-3

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Service of the Sacrament

pages 160-163

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

C **(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G **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.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ...

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **Amen.**

G **(sung) 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.**

Distribution of the Sacrament

548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;
Tho u hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

724 If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?

I build on this foundation, That Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.

Christ Jesus is my splendor, My sun, my light, alone;
Were He not my defender Before God's judgment throne,
I never should find favor And mercy in His sight,
But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.

He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.

For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me: Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.

Who clings with resolution To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution; For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses Will be his daily bread.

From me this is not hidden, Yet I am not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken And ev'rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken And cleave to You alone.

No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.

No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.

My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

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Our Father, who from heav'n above Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say But from our inmost hearts to pray.

Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, In purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name We walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert; All poor deluded souls convert.

Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy Ghost enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age.

Your gracious will on earth be done As it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey Throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill That sets itself against Your will.

Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give.

Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.

Lead not into temptation, Lord, Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous.

Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to You in peace.

Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Communion Blessing

please stand

Canticle

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C *(sung)* Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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P Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

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.

G *(sung)* Amen.

Closing Hymn

680 stanzas 4-5

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

Postlude

Give to Our God Immortal Praise—D. Cherwien

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

No Partiality—Acts 10:34-48

Our Father in heaven is the perfect p_____ who is incredibly p_____ with us, His children.

*How did Peter struggle with the Great Commission to make disciple of **all** nations?*

How did Jesus during His earthly ministry reveal by word and deed that the Father's love, mercy, and salvation are for all people?

What does God teach Peter through the vision?

What miraculous sign occurs at Cornelius' house to show those with Peter that God's salvation is for all?

How is your heavenly Father patient with you?

LIVING THE SERMON... Give thanks that God shows no partiality and has received you into His eternal kingdom. Since God shows no partiality, seek to show no favoritism in your words or deeds, but to love all, serve all, and tell all the good news about Jesus. Seek forgiveness for those times when you have shown favoritism, when you have refused to love and serve. Pray for the heart of your heavenly Father that you would love as He loves you and all people.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... As we celebrate Mother's Day, give thanks to God for the gift of mothers and pray that God would bless all mothers in their callings. Pray for couples unable to have children that God would give them strength as they bear this burden.

Our Weekly Schedule

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Services at 8 and 10:45 AM

Wednesday Worship Service at 4:45 PM

Online Service posted by Thursday mornings at stpaulcolumbus.org

Radio worship service Sundays at 8:30 AM on 1010 AM and 98.1 FM

Holy Communion Offered

All Sunday and Wednesday Services

2 PM Small Group Communion offered

By appointment at church or your house by contacting one of the pastors

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study* Sundays at 9:30 AM

Bible Study Wednesdays at 9 AM and 6 PM

*Adult Bible Study is live-streamed on the St. Paul YouTube Channel each Sunday at 9:30 AM