

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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10:00am

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE: *Here I Am To Worship* (See Page 10)

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** (see page 10)
Oceans

* **THE GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

⁹ 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." ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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.

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 (read responsively)

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

MEDITATION SONG: (see page 11)
Lord I Need You

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ 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. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ 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.^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² 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.³ 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;⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** tune # 380

C: Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Christ is risen from the grave! He who died this comfort gives: Lo, he lives, his own to save! Hallelujah! Praises be to our Lord eternally!

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O risen Lord!

*** THE GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "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."²⁴ 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."²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you."²⁶ 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."²⁷ 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."²⁸ 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."²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O risen Christ, for opening the Scriptures to us.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

THE GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

(See Page 11)

Out of Hiding

*** THE 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.

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Hear Us O God,
Your Mercy Is Great

*** THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC VTR *Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies*
(see page 12)

* THE OFFERTORY: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

* THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Risen Christ, Living Word, you are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us. By the power of your Word, dwell in our hearts and reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ: in our vulnerable flesh, through our baptism into your death and resurrection, and in service to the world you love. Be for us manna in the wilderness. Open us to recognize you in every meal and in all who hunger for bread, for human touch, and for healing and hope. We pray in your name, our healer and companion.
Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SENDING

* THE BLESSING

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

* THE SENDING SONG (See page 12)

Jericho

* THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace, In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: May 25, 2025

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Allyson Schmalz

Usher: Bonnie Mazza & Steve Anderson

Musicians: Voices that Reign

Sound Board: Bonnie Mazza

Serving Next Week: June 1, 2025

Communion Assistant: Nicole Rodig

Acolyte: Baylee Rodig

Lector: Lynn Haab

Ushers: Lynn Haab & Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Michelle Foster

Sound Board: Bonnie Mazza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session every Sunday at 9:00am. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Sunday Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship takes place normally on the 4th Sunday each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00AM Worship
Monday: Memorial Day, Office closed
Wednesday: 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00—10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00AM Worship

Here I Am To worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made This heart
adore You Hope of a life spent
with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my
God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came To the earth
You created All for love's sake
became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much
it cost to see my sin upon that
cross and I'll never know how
much it cost to see my sin upon
that cross

CCLI Song # 3266032
Tim Hughes

Oceans

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet
may fail and there I find You in
the mystery In oceans deep my
faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the
waves when oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your
Embrace for I am Yours and
You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest
waters. Your sov'reign hand will
be my guide where feet may fail
and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You
won't start now

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is
without borders let me walk
upon the waters. Wherever You
would call me take me deeper
than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made
stronger, I n the presence of my
Savior

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your
embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

CCLI Song # 6428767
Joel Houston | Matt Crocker |
Salomon Lighthelm

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You My one
defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is
more Where grace is found is
where You are And where You
are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall
on You Jesus You're my hope and
stay and when I cannot stand I'll
fall on You Jesus You're my hope
and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

CCLI Song # 5925687
Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves |
Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher

Out of Hiding

Verse 1

Come out of hiding You're safe
here with me. There's no need to
cover what I already see
You've got your reasons but I
hold your peace You've been on
lockdown and I hold the key

Chorus

'Cause I loved you before you
knew what was love. I saw it all
still I chose the cross, you were
the one that I was thinking of
When I rose from the grave
Now rid of the shackles.
My victory is yours, I tore the
veil for you to come close
There's no reason to stand at a
distance anymore. You're not far
from home

Verse 2

I'll be your lighthouse when
you're lost at sea, I will illumi-
nate everything. No need to be
frightened by intimacy. Just
throw off your fear and come
running to Me

Bridge

Oh as you run what hindered
love. Will only become part of
the story (REPEAT)

Ending

Baby you're almost home now
Please don't quit now
You're almost home to Me

CCLI Song # 7029057
Amanda Cook | Steffany Gretzinger

Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies

Verse 1

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.

Verse 3

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

Jericho

Verse 1

Oo I been stacking up the years
I spent trading punches with the
enemy. Oo built myself a double
thick stone tower of lies
Higher than the eye can see
Trapped in this flesh and bone
Crying out to You Lord I'm
desperate. Love come rattle this
cage and set me free

Chorus

All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down come down
All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down come down oh
Lord, My prison turns to ruin
When Your love moves in
All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down come down
Come down

Verse 2

Oo truth was crashing
Through the pride and the blame
Cutting straight to the heart of me
Long before I ever called Your
name. You were fighting for my
victory. Carved in Your flesh and
bone The wounds that have said
my soul's forgiven Oh now I can
feel the darkness trembling

Bridge

Rebuild me from the ground up
All I wanna see is You
Terrify the lies with truth

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