

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 17, 2020 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

*Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:*

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

### GATHERING

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PRELUDE

Ruth Bills, Musician

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING HYMN

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

ELW Red Hymnal 708  
(verses 1, 2 & 3)

*Refrain*

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.***

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]***
- 2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]***
- 3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]***

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

## EASTER AFFIRMATION

**P:** Christ is risen!

**C:** **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Loving Lord, you have showered your world with faith, hope, and love. Help us to be faithful to you, to offer hope to those in need, and to love all your children.

**C:** **Amen.**

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-31

P: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to the twelfth chapter of Mark:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pr. John Strommen, Preacher

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**You Are Mine**

ELW Red Hymnal 581  
(verses 1 & 2)

1. ***"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here." [continue to verse 2]***
2. ***"I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me." [Refrain]***

### *Refrain*

***"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."***

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**L:** Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## MEAL

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*If you are alone, don't worry! I will say the words of distribution for you, and you can commune yourself.*

*Checklist for communion:*

- *Your hands are clean.*
- *You've appointed someone to be the main server, and someone to serve the server.*
- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

*After I say the words of institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will administer to each other saying these words: Extending the bread, you say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." Offering the wine, you say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## HOLY, HOLY

### You Are Holy

ELW Red Hymnal 525

*You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we understand.  
You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.*

*You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

L: *(to those who are single)*

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

## RECEIVING THE MEAL

*For those who are doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the words of institution, followed by the Lord's Prayer. As you do the words of institution, you can hold up the appropriate element – the bread and the goblet or cup - if you wish (but it's not necessary).*

## LAMB OF GOD

**ELW, Setting Three**

Red Hymnal p 146

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.

## BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: And now let us respond to the receiving of God's gifts to us by offering our gifts and our prayers to God.

## RESPONDING

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### OFFERTORY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We will do the prayers like we normally do, where you can offer petitions. some of you have already sent prayers by email. I will read those first. Those who want to respond live may do so, and I'll read those also.*

P: Let us now enter into a conversation with the living God by offering up what is on our hearts and minds. We begin by praying for those among us who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Trish, Kathy, Glenn, Peggy, Charles and Maryjo.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions from the congregation, silent and spoken, personal and global, are invited. If spoken, end with the words: Lord, in your mercy,*

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and in your grace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FINAL BLESSING

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**C:** **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

ELW Red Hymnal 836

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(verses 1 & 3)

1. *Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
3. *Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!*

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

### DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

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