



MORNING PRAYER, RITE 2

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse, with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal #657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all the day long.
All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM 66:7-18 *read in unison*

7. **Bless our God, you peoples; ***
let the sound of praise be heard;
8. **God holds our souls in life, ***
and will not allow our feet to slip.
9. **For you, O God, have proved us; ***
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10. **You brought us into the snare ***
and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. **You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, ***
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12. **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, ***
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13. **I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; ***
I will give you oxen and goats.
14. **Come and listen, all you who fear God, ***
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
15. **I called out to God with my mouth, ***
and high praise was on my tongue.
16. **If I had found evil in my heart, ***
God would not have heard me;
17. **But in truth God has heard me ***
and has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18. **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, ***
whose love has not been withheld from me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Following the reading

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VENITE

Come let us sing to the Lord

Refrain

**Come, let us sing to our God
Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation
Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
And raise a loud shout, a loud shout to God with psalms.**

**You are a great ruler above all Gods
In your hands are the caverns of the Earth
The heights of the hills and the sea are also yours
You molded the dry land with your hands.**

Refrain

**Come let us worship and bow down before our God
Let us kneel before the one who is our maker
We are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hear your voice!**

Refrain

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Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, 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 made subject to him.

Following the reading

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Healer of our ev'ry ill

ELW #612

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Following the reading

Lector Here ends the reading

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

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 to the dead.
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 PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People and Presider

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

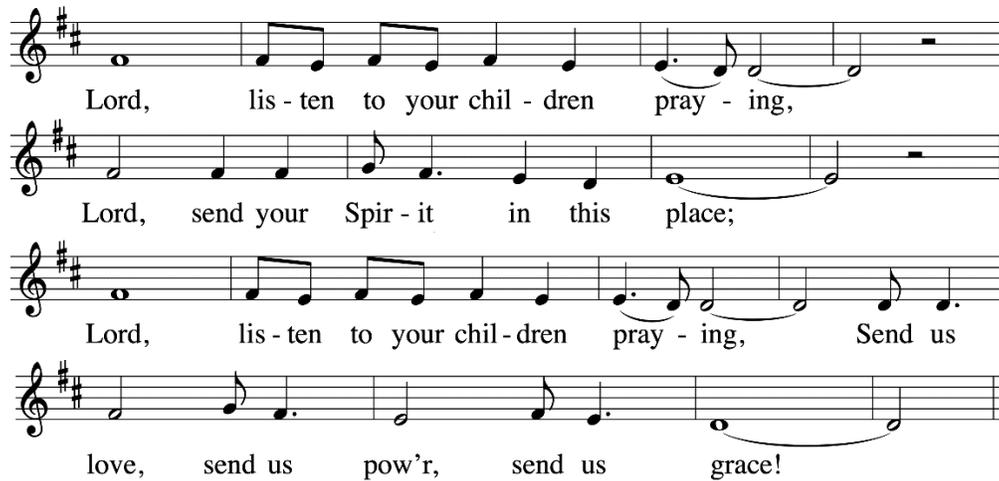
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever .

All **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Refrain



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,
Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Send us
love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

The Intercessor offers the petitions, and the People respond

Hear our prayer

Refrain

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Presider and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you**

in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Glory, glory, hallelujah

- 1 **Glory, glory, hallelujah!**
since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
since I laid my burdens down.
- 2 **I feel better, so much better,**
since I laid my burdens down!
I feel better, so much better.
since I laid my burdens down!
- 3 **Feel like shoutin' hallelujah!**
since I laid my burdens down!
Feel like shoutin' hallelujah!
since I laid my burdens down!
- 4 **I'm goin' home to live with Jesus**
since I laid my burdens down!
I'm goin' home to live with Jesus
since I laid my burdens down!

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THE CONCLUDING RITE

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING

Presider May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**