

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Divine Service – Setting Two

Confession and Absolution

Prelude: Herr Gott, Dich loben alle wir (J. G. Walther)
All People That on Earth Do Dwell **LSB 791**

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.
- △ 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Text: William Kethe,
d. c. 1593, alt.

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit: Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16



- P** Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
- P** Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
- C** who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.
Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or
removed his steadfast | love from me!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

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.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

This Is the Feast

- P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- 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.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

The reading concludes:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual: adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

C 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 un- | der his feet.

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8

The reading concludes:

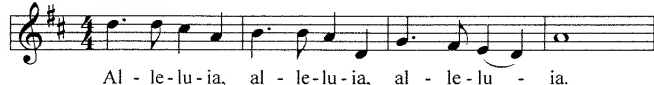
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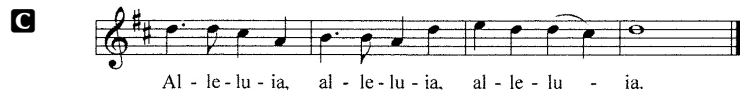
Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Refrain



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



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

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead
will never | die again;

Death no longer has dominion over him. Alle- | luia.

In the world you will have tribu- | lation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alle- |
luia.

C *(Repeat Alleluia)*

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The reading concludes:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught,
No grace or merit gaining;

Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.

My fears increased till sheer despair
Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great,
He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart;
He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

5 God said to His beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

Sermon: "First Comes Love, then Comes . . . Love"

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and
 apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
 of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions conclude:

- P** . . . let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

Offertory

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits
 to me?
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call
 on the name of the Lord.
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the
 name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of
 all His people,
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of
 you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- 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.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have
 had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your
 only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be
 our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation
 accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His
 body and His blood on the cross.
 Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we
 beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us
 with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His
 body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own
 testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of
 the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage
 feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.
 Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.
 To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship,
 with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to
 pray:
C Our Father...

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

- C** 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, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Christ the Eternal Lord

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- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,
 Whose promise here we claim,
 Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
 On all who name Your name;
 With thankfulness and praise
 We stand before Your throne,
 Intent to serve You all our days
 And make Your glory known.
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word
 To ev'ry passing age,
 Whose timeless teachings still are heard
 Set forth on Scripture's page;
 Transform our thought and mind,
 Enlighten all who read,
 Within Your Word by faith to find
 The bread of life indeed.
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,
 Who shares our human birth,
 And by His death salvation won
 For ev'ry child of earth;
 Inspire our hearts, we pray,
 To tell Your love abroad,
 That all may honor Christ today
 And follow Him as Lord.

- 4 Christ the unfading Light
Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Till earth's brief journey ends.
- 5 Christ the ascended King
Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing,
Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past
Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last
To know as we are known.

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The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

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- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ
And cling to His strong name.
- 2 The gifts flow from the font
Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes
Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
- 3 The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in His blest care.
- 4 The gifts are there each day
The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,
Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself,
Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing
Them for this world's strife.
- 5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;

All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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Stand

Thank the Lord1

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone
what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks 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

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore
You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- 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.

Sit

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

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- 1 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.
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou 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.
- 3 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.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942

Postlude: The Day of Resurrection

(Paul Manz)

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