

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



AS WE GATHER

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 17:22-31 - In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

1 Peter 3:13-22 - Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

John 14:15-21 - In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

+ +

(Silence please for prayer and meditation)

PRELUDE

Morning Musical Meditations

Various

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home. Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of life,

C By the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

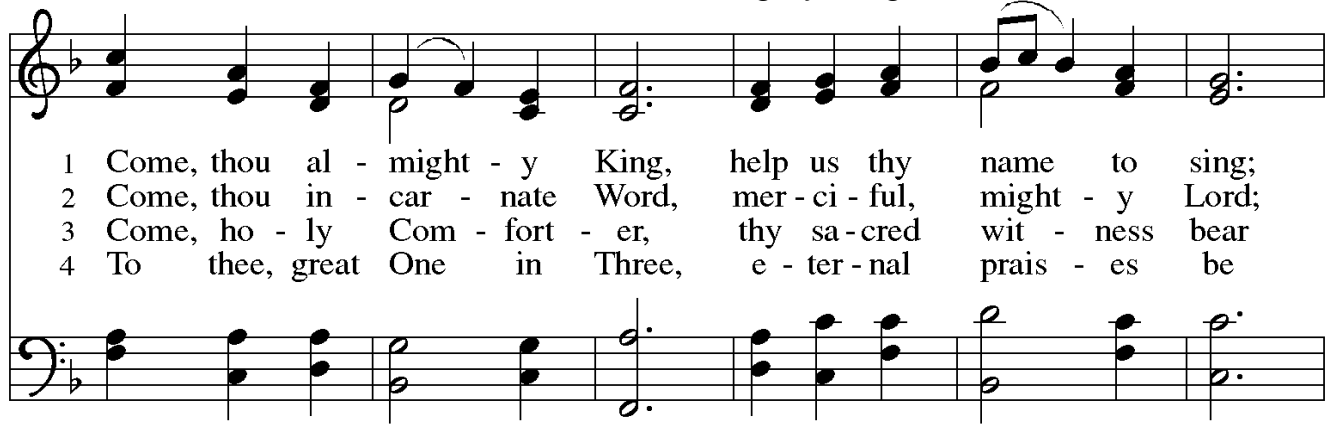
P People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW 408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

GREETING

- A 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.**

KYRIE

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...

Assistant: Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the first Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The top staff is for the Assistant, and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "to Verses".

A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the...

Assistant: Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the second Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The top staff is for the Assistant, and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "to Verses".

A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word let us pray to the...

Assistant: Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the third Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The top staff is for the Assistant, and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "to Verses".

A Help, save, and defend us, O God

Congregation:

A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the fourth Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "A - men." The piece concludes with a double bar line.



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty and ever-living God,

C **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

(Please be seated)

SHARED MINISTRY REMINDERS

FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

A A reading from Acts

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For 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. ²⁴The 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, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From 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, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸For '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.'²⁹Since 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. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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."

A Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Make a Joyful Noise

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

A A reading from 1 Peter

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to John

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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.”

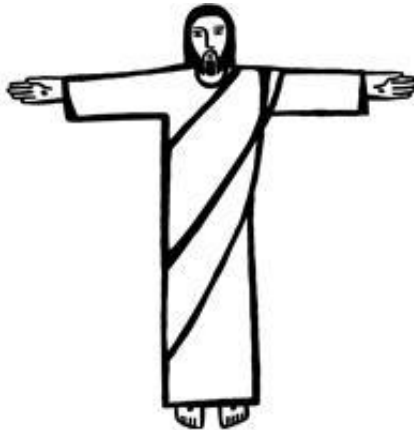
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

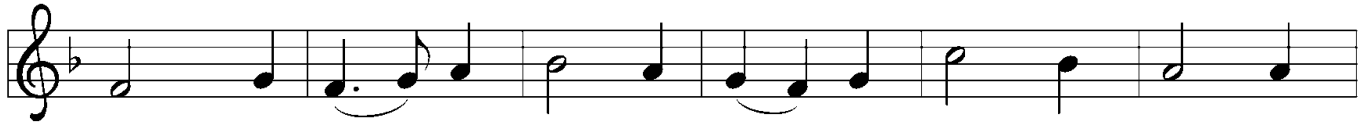
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SERMON

Pastor Ralph Supper



(Please stand as you are able)



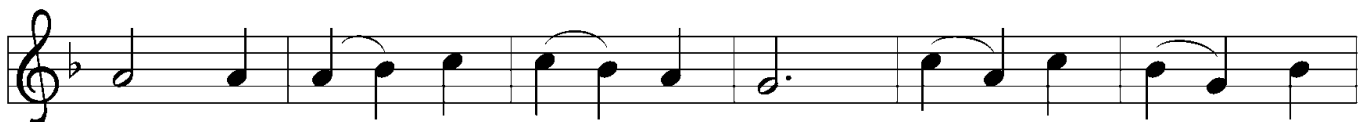
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 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,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways 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
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with ***“Lord, in your mercy”***, the congregation responds, ***“hear our prayer”***)

PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

(Please be seated)

GIFTS OF OFFERING

“Seek Ye First”

Make a Joyful Noise

(Please sign the red welcome roster and pass it on as a ritual of friendship. Then pass it back noting the names of those you're worshipping with today.)

(Please stand as you are able)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.
- C** **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who bids us turn to you and prepare for the Paschal feast. And so, with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 191

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

P Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

C *Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come, come a - gain.

P Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
 u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
 yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
 A - men.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:
(Abba is an intimate word used by Jesus to address his Father – as we might say, Daddy)

LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

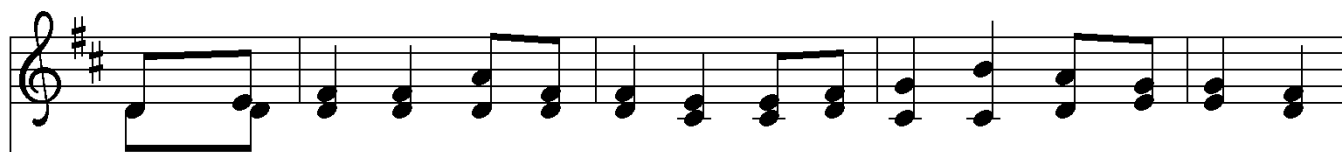
P Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

(Please be seated)



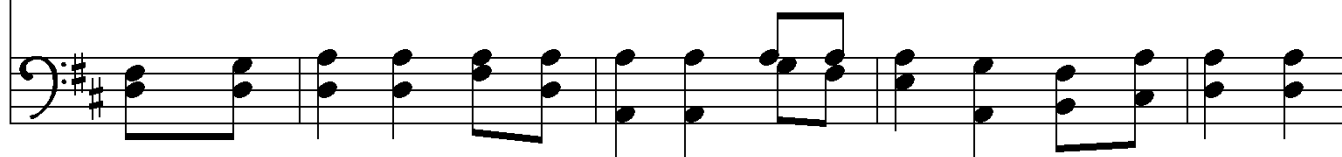
Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara



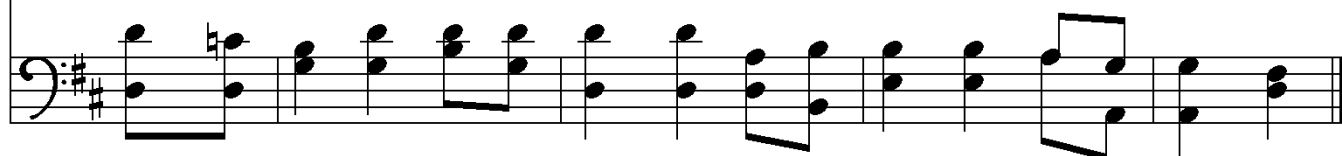
Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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(Please stand as you are able)

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen

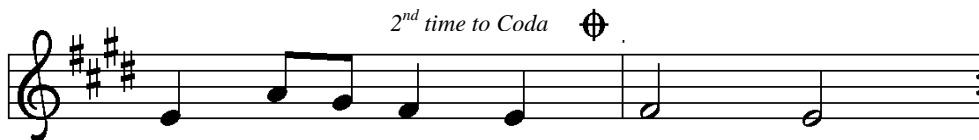
Thanks Be To You



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and ius - tice you have taught us:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Life-giving God,

C in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION VISITORS

A Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen





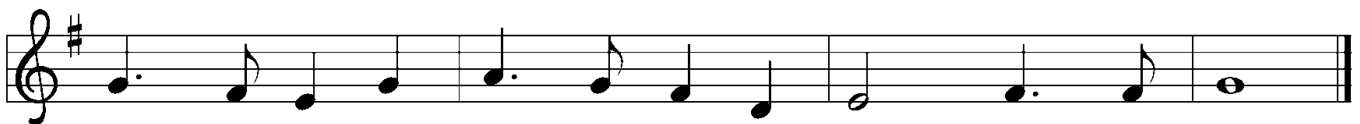
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

Arr. Cindy Berry

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Lectors:

Communion:

Cantors: Linda Waage/Sharon Blomquist

Greeters:

Ushers:

Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild: Nan Broaddus, Lynn Crostic, Lorraine Wells

The altar flowers this morning are given in gift by Nancy Bohnsack in celebration of Carson Difley's birthday.

Helping Hands for May:

In-Kind Donations: We are asking you to prayerfully consider Child Sponsorship through World Vision. You will provide ongoing care for a community in need for \$39/month and have a one-on-one relationship with the child you sponsor. Resurrection has supported World Vision for over 10 years as a way for us to serve on a global scale. After you sponsor your child, you may send small items to them that will show them that someone outside of their community cares about them. Your monthly donation will provide programs like WASH, education, medicine and clinics, and sustainable job training to lift a community out of poverty. Look for the World Vision table in the Faith Center Lobby, or contact Cynthia Wellington or Nancy Schwegel.

Financial Contributions:

Resurrection will continue to have donations open through the month of May for our "6K Granite Bay" Walk/Run for Water through World Vision. World Vision is the largest non-profit in providing clean water to 3rd world countries. You can make contributions through a check to LCR with the memo line of: World Vision 6K Team Granite Bay or go directly online to: [6K Granite Bay California Water Walk/Run](#) For a \$50 donation, you will provide sustainable clean water for a child!

Readings for Next Sunday, May 28, 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

We invite you to read these texts as you prepare for next Sunday's worship.

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

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COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK