

EASTER 6

May 9, 2021



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Sunday Worship, 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School, 10:15 am

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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR EASTER 6

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OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 210 (TLH)

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

THE INVOCATION

(We declare that the triune God is the God we worship.)

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(God cares for our spiritual needs.)

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

PC Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the humble life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

KYRIE ELEISON

(Latin for "Lord, have mercy." We ask God to care for our earthly needs.)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(We sing a hymn of glory to God.)



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(A prayer that collects and reflects the themes of the day.)

THE LESSONS

(We hear Bible readings that support the thoughts of the season.)

1 John 4:1-11 ^{NIV84} *True children of God show true love.* | Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. Dear friends, let us love one

another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 15:9-17^{NIV84} *Those who are in Christ bear good fruit: obedience toward God and love toward one another.* | “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.”

PSALM FOR THE SEASON
(see insert)

Psalm 118
I Will Praise You

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

(We respond to the lessons by reciting what we believe.)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 203 (TLH)

Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb

THE SERMON

(We learn from God's word.)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives "He Lives to Wipe Away My Tears"

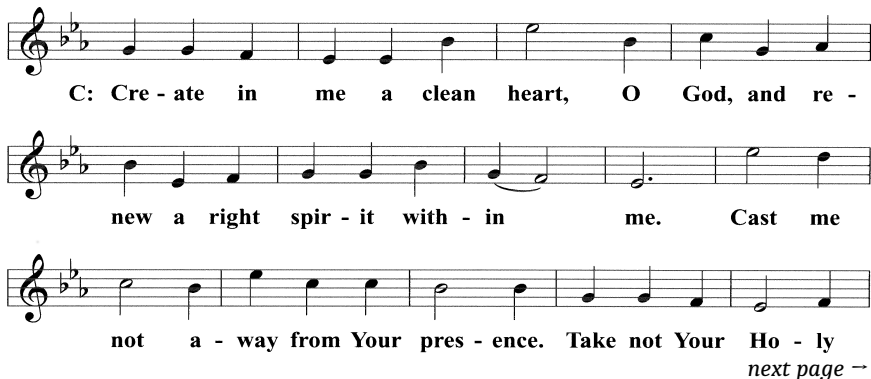
John 20:10-18^{NIV84} Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

PRAYER

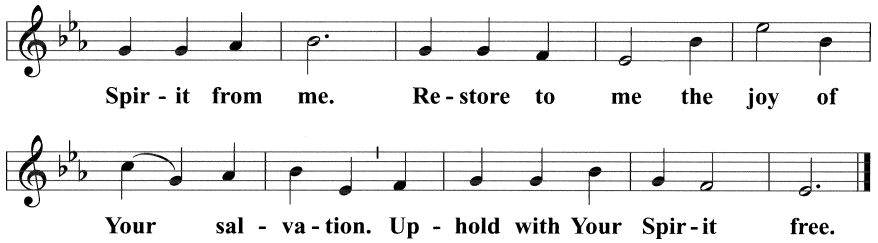
(We respond to the sermon in prayer to God.)

P And the peace of God which is a greater peace than any our own minds can give to us shall guard your hearts in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
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Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

OFFERING

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER


HYMN 206:1-5 (TLH)

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CLOSING PRAYER

The Collect for Peace


P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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

(The Lord sends us home with His blessing.)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

 **C Amen, Amen, Amen.**

HYMN 200:5-8 (TLH)

He Lives to Silence All My Fears



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions, May 10-15, 2021
by Prof. Paul Koch (retired)

Mon Acts 11:19-26 This event is important because Jesus was turning the steering wheel one notch into the left lane—contrary to Jewish policy (19). When some Greek Christians reached out to their countrymen, Jesus blessed their work—which alerted the mother congregation. After investigating, they learned that Jesus was behind this turn of events, and that’s how His Church became prepped for the services of Saul, God’s special spokesman.

Tues John 15:9-17 is loaded with spiritual food; today let’s focus on the LOVE which moved Jesus to come down to Earth; it’s the oxygen of His life and of ours, too. Loving others more than self means serving others more than self; it’s where the rubber hits the road. God’s saving love has been encoded by Jesus in our hearts, and we are activated by His password: fGsltwtHg*Jn3:16.

Wed 1 John 4:1-11 What are the ABC’s of Christianity? **A** is for Alpha (Rev. 1:8), our eternal, generative Jesus. **B** is for Beware of anyone and anything that diminishes or detracts from Jesus; our world is full of this garbage. **C** is for Continue in God’s love which carries us through adverse conditions and over rough terrain. Since Jesus has paid off humanity’s sin-debts, let’s continue living in His love – and sharing God’s saving love with others.

Thurs Psalm 98 The Old Testament Hymnary has many tunes in the section Songs of Praise, and though #98 is fairly new, it is based on good, old realities—especially God’s good qualities and accomplishments (1-3). A praise band is not new (4-6) if it echoes Nature (7-8). We are looking forward to the day when Jesus arrives, and we are ready for His test question: “What do you think of Me, and what have you done about it?”

Fri John 15:9-17 We already knew that Jesus is not The New Law-Giver, and we understand that commandment means directives, so we don’t cringe as He steers us away from bad behavior into behavior which reflects God’s love for sinners, behavior which builds friendships and produces positive results in the hearts and lives of others, behavior which Jesus appreciates and supports (15-16). God is keeping our world in orbit because it still needs His/our love.

Sat Acts 25 reads like an excerpt from a novel. After the stage was set, Paul stated his defense; when Festus proposed a change of venue that would put Paul in danger, Paul out-maneuvered his enemies by invoking his citizenship right to a fair trial in Rome. His case interested Herod Agrippa, the Jewish puppet king, so Festus rehearsed it for him (13-21), hoping that he had all the pertinent facts straight before he sent Paul to Rome. That long trip to Rome would be dangerous, and his court trial full of tension, but Jesus was still behind the steering wheel. Stay tuned for further developments.

