

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00

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*“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”*



Prelude “Jesus Loves Me” William B. Bradbury, arr. Karen Rezabek

## INTRODUCTION

*This Sunday’s image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John’s gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

## GATHERING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, now and forever whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Reconciling God,

C: ***we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have***

***welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.***

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

C: ***you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Gathering Song

*“Shout to the Lord”*

Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter. Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King,  
Mountains bow down and seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. *Repeat*

Ending:

Nothing compares to the promise I have, nothing compares to the promise I have, Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

## WORD

Bible Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

L: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: ***O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.***

L: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: ***Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.***

L: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

C: ***With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.***

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: ***Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.***

L: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness

C: ***and the peoples with equity.***

Bible Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: Word of God, word of life.  
Psalm 98

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

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

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

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

*"Come As You Are"*

David Crowder, Ben Glover, Matt Maher

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been;  
Come, brokenhearted, let rescue begin;  
Come find your mercy, oh, sinner come kneel;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

### Chorus

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;  
All who are broken, lift up your face;  
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed;  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace;  
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

### Chorus

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;  
All who are broken, lift up your face;  
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are; Come as you are.  
Fall in His arms, Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning; Sinner, be still;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

### Chorus

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;  
All who are broken, lift up your face;  
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are; Come as you are;  
Come as you are; Come as you are.

## 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.***

## The Prayers

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

### *A brief silence*

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God.

### ***Your mercy is great.***

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

### ***Your mercy is great.***

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying. Hear us, O God.

### ***Your mercy is great.***

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

"Amazing Love"

Billy J. Foote

Prayer of Preparation

P: God of love,

C: ***you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives as a gift. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. ***Amen.***

Prayer after Communion

P: Wellspring of joy,

C: ***through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you.  
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace. ***Amen.***

Sending Song "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" Number 543

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ!

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

Postlude

## SERVICE

Lector	Jennifer Rhodes
Usher	Norm Bembenek
Sound Tech	Nolan Purkerson
Musicians	Karen Rezabek, Jennifer Rhodes
Altar Guild	Mary Lynn Bartlett, Sue Danielson, Patti Gardner Ruth Ladage

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

William B. Bradbury, arr. Karen Rezabek

*"Shout to the Lord"*

Darlene Zschech; CCLI #1406918; 1993 Wondrous Worship (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

*"Come As You Are"*

David Crowder, Ben Glover, Matt Maher; CCLI #7017790  
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Thankyou Music, Valley Of Songs Music, worshiptogether.com songs,  
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*"Amazing Love"*

Billy J. Foote; CCLI #2456623; 1996 worshiptogether.com songs  
(Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; @1983 Concordia Publishing House  
Music: Welsh traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams;  
arr. @Oxford University Press