

THE RISEN WAY
Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day
5-10-26

Worship Theme: THE RISEN WAY

In the Book of Acts, the Risen Lord Jesus continues His work. In the acts of the earliest believers, they are acting a certain way that's different after the resurrection than it was before. The resurrection really does change things for us. It changes the way we live, it changes what we believe, it changes how we act. It's the Risen Way!

† GOD CALLS †

“OPENING SONG”
“What a Beautiful Name”

**You were the Word at the beginning
One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ**

**What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King**

**What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now**

**What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King**

**What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is**

The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ALL Amen.

Pastor: He is risen!
ALL: His is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

† GOD SPEAKS †

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READINGS

Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸ A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbling trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.”

They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” ²¹ (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’^[a] As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’^[b]

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats^[a]; do not be frightened.”^[b] ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear

conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

¹⁹ After being made alive,^[c] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.^[d] It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18). Lord, we confess that our lives fall far short of your glory:

ALL: Have mercy and forgive us.

Pastor: Because Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, he brings us to God. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you the full and complete forgiveness of all your sins; in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: To him belongs eternal praise!

**SONG OF PRAISE
"His Mercy Is More"**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
what Father so tender is calling us home!
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
his blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
our sins they are many his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

Our sins they are many,
his mercy is more!

MESSAGE

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -
The Apostles' Creed**

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

BRINGING OUR BLESSINGS
with Thanksgiving in our Offering

PRAYERS

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.

† GOD GIVES †

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION

“Thine The Amen Thine The Praise”

**Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore, evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonderful surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy, holy, holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee, only Thee

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG
“Shout To the North”

**Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow’r of our glorious King of love.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we’ll fly.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

† GOD BLESSES AND SENDS †

BENEDICTION

Pastor Go now with the comfort and assurance that Jesus has risen from the
grave. He is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor Go in peace, serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!