

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022



I leave with you;

My **Peace**
I give you.

John 14:27

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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INTRODUCTION

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

P This is the day that the Lord has made:

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps 118:24)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

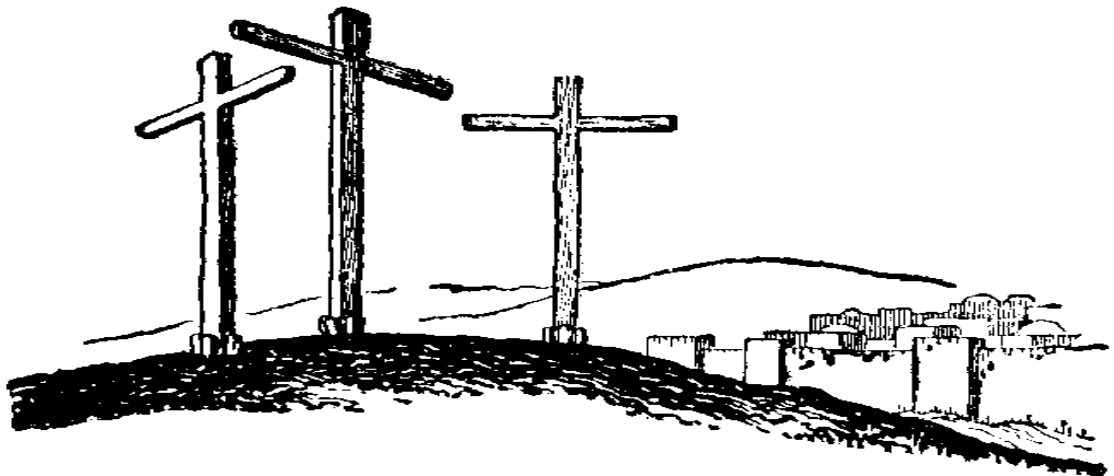
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

GREETING

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P 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.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Bountiful God,

C you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Worship Team

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

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Please stand for the Gospel reading as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING

John 14:23-29

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Please be seated

SERMON

“Beyond Comfort Zones”

Pr. Scot Sorensen

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove
is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;
What more can he say than to you he has said
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

Please be seated

MINISTRY MOMENTS (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.**

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and
full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the
people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,...
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: **send your Spirit on this meal.**
O God, you are Bread: **feed us with yourself.**
O God, you are Wine: **warm our hearts and make us one.**
O God, you are Fire: **transform us with hope.**

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you
show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant
us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life
in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

All are welcome to receive Communion. The tray contains your choice of white grape juice (in the center) or wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Please be seated

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lamb Of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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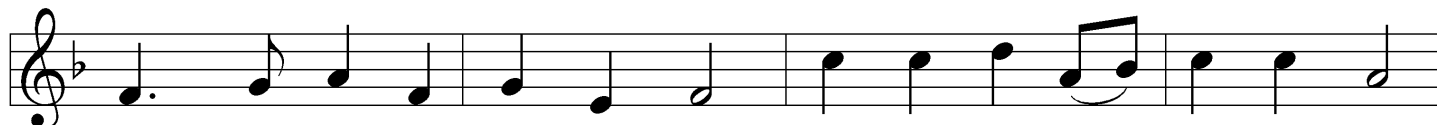
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, French, 13th cent.

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

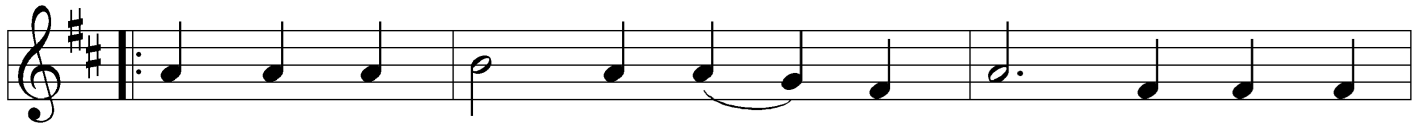


SENDING HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from



vic - tor's tri - umph won! Now be the
le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of
glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry
heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of



song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
Music: VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525–1594, adapt.

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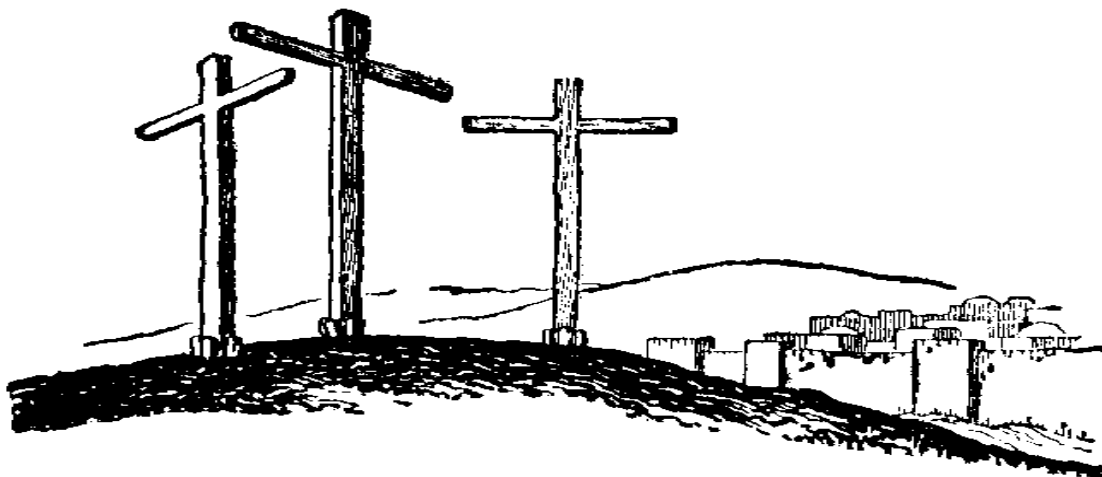
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C Amen.



GATHERING SONG

Cry of My Heart

Chorus

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All the days of my life.

(Repeat)

1. Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You.
Oh, oh, oh!

2. Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more, and more,
And make me wholly devoted to You.
Oh, oh, oh!

Chorus

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are excused for Sunday School

Pr. Scot Sorensen

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SPECIAL MUSIC

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SECOND READING

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GOSPEL VERSE

C Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

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SONG OF THE DAY

I Will Follow

Intro Chorus

**Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow...**

1. All your ways are good
All your ways are sure
I will trust in you alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in you alone
(trust in you alone)

Chorus

**Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you
Who you love, I'll love
How you serve I'll serve
If this life I lose,
I will follow you, yeah
I will follow you, yeah**

2. Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for you alone
You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in you alone,
(in you alone)

Chorus

[Bridge]

**In you there's life everlasting
In you there's freedom for my soul
In you there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow**

Chorus

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On the third day he rose again;
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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,
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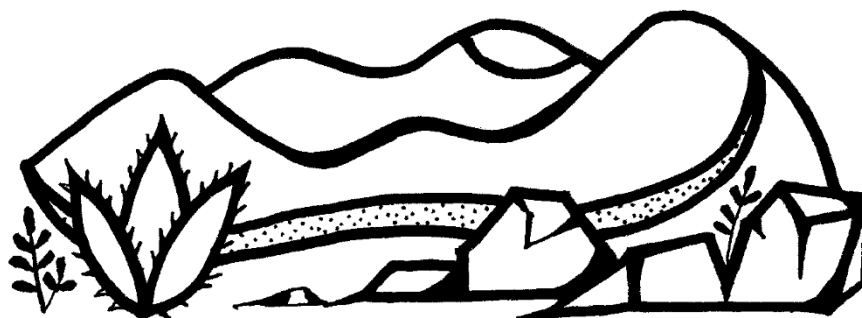
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C Amen.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION



LORD'S PRAYER

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**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

All are welcome to receive Communion. The tray contains your choice of white grape juice (in the center) or wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

If you are worshiping in your homes, you are invited to commune each other, or to take communion yourself. You may use these words:

The body of the Christ, given for you. The blood of the Christ, shed for you.

For those abstaining from communion, I invite you to offer a blessing to each other. Here are two options:

1. *Marking the forehead in the sign of the cross and saying:*

(Name) child of God, know that you are loved and protected by God.

2. *Prayer for those abstaining from Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Be Not Afraid

- 1) You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men, and they shall understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

**Be not Afraid;
I go before you always.
Come, follow Me,
and I will give you rest.**

- 2) If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain (2x)

"Be Not Afraid", words and music by Robert J. Dufford, S.J. and North America Liturgy Resources.

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Deep, Way Down Deep

Refrain

**Deep, Way down
Deep, Way down
Deep down in my heart.**

1. I've got the love of Jesus
I've got the love of Jesus
And it's deep down in my heart.

Refrain

2. I've got the peace of Jesus
I've got the peace of Jesus
And it's deep down in my heart.

Refrain

3. I've got the peace of Jesus
I've got the peace of Jesus
And it's deep down in my heart.

Refrain

4. I've got the love of Jesus
I've got the peace of Jesus
I've got the joy of Jesus

And it's deep down in my heart.

(Repeat 3x)

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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POSTLUDE

READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

R Word of God, word of life

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ



**"I AM GOING TO
THE FATHER."**

JOHN 14:28