

May 17, 2020- Sixth Sunday In Eastertide

WELCOME:

OPENING SENTENCES: (based on Psalm 66)

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

We come into God's sanctuary with our offerings and pay our vows to our God,

Those that our lips have uttered and our mouths have promised when we had troubles.

Come and hear, all who fear God, and we will tell of what God has done and is doing for us.

Blessed be God, because He has not rejected our prayer, or removed His steadfast love from us.

PRAYER:

HYMN:

“Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna”

(Ode To Joy)

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!” God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

LITANY FOR EASTER:

In Jesus' glorious resurrection God delivers us from the power of death.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

From the belly of the beast and the disgrace of exile.

O Lord, deliver us.

Brothers and sisters, God not only calls us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” Jesus said. And, in the same breath, you promised an Advocate would come to us. You, Lord, were faithful to your promise. But we—we have broken your law of love. We have hoarded resources, rather than feeding your sheep. We have stoked competition, rather than kneeling at others' feet. We have kept silent, rather than testifying to your truth. For not showing our love for you by loving one another, forgive us. Help us obey your commandments and keep us ever faithful to your Word by the power of your Spirit, who abides with and among us. Amen.

SILENCE:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in our God who is faithful, we dare approach God in confidence.

In faith and peace we know we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, for in Jesus Christ we are made whole. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: " Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" v.1**
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, embrace us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

GOSPEL READING:

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This 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. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They 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."

CHILDREN'S TIME:

MESSAGE:

The Rev. David Koehler

AFFIRMING WHAT WE BELIEVE:

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (debts and debtors)

HYMN

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

CLOSING SENTENCES: (from: Stages On The Way; Worship Resources For Lent and Easter)

For a week I heard the same story from each of them, and the more often I heard it, the less I believed it.

We had all been through a lot. We were in a mess. The unthinkable had happened, and we were lost, guilty, and grieving.

I thought that maybe the death hadn't sunk in; I thought they were refusing to come to terms with it, pretending that it hadn't happened.

His hands had touched us, his breath had blessed us, but now they were cold and he was gone and all that was left was memory.

Yet, in all my doubt, I envied them, until doubt vanished and faith kindled again when a well-known voice said, "Put your hands here."

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER MEMBERS Karen Clayton, Kathy Clayton, Nancy Clayton & family, Sheryl Collins, Marguerite Dahl, David Dahl

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS Andrew Gottsch(5/19), Bill Strawn(5/19), Dave LeGree(5/20), Delbert Christensen(5/21), Cale McWilliams(5/21), Heather Watkins(5/21), Jill Heller(5/23), Dick McKeever(5/23)

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