



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mothers' Day



WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE - The Bells of Easter, Franklin Ritter

John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful, holy and mighty,

you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water is poured into the font.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,

quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

(Repeat)

To see You high and lifted up

Shinin' in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

(Start from beginning)

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE p. 184

(red hymnal, front section)

REFRAIN

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the Water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pray together.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for [Silas and Timothy] in Athens,
he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols.
So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons,
and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.
Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers who debated with him.
Some said,

“What does this babblers want to say?”

Others said,

“He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.”

(This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.)

So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him,

“May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?

It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.”

Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time
in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,

“Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship,

I found among them an altar with the inscription,

‘To an unknown god.’

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it,

the one who is Lord of heaven and earth,

does not live in shrines made by human hands,

nor is that one served by human hands,

as though they needed anything,

since they themselves give to all mortals life and breath

and all things.

From one ancestor that one made all nations to inhabit the whole earth,

and allotted the times of their existence

and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

so that they would search for God

and perhaps grope for God and find God

though indeed God is not far from each one of us.

For ‘In God we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are God’s offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold,

or silver, or stone,

an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance,

now God commands all people everywhere to repent,

because God has fixed a day to have the world judged in righteousness

by a man whom he has appointed,

and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:8-20 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**
those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil in my heart,
God would not have heard me;

**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Reading: I Peter 3:13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?
But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,
but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense
to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that,
when you are maligned,
those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will,
than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,
in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,
who in former times did not obey,

when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark,
in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you
not as a removal of dirt from the body,
but as an appeal to God for a good conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 188

(red hymnal, front section)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-21

The gospel lesson for this Sixth Sunday of Easter is from the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with the fifteenth verse.

Glory to you, O God.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.

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.

“I will not leave you orphaned;

I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me;
because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you.

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.”

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

**SERMON HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness #843
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us One.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 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 THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving, or otherwise in need of our prayers, especially...

- Cindy Haener - recovering from surgery
- Dan Sperow - recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Darel Sorensen and family, in the death of Betty
- Mike Lorenzo - healing from back surgery
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mothering God, you hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sympathetic God, you already care for those who are in need. Nevertheless, we pray for others who have not yet been named, that you would visit them in your trouble, especially...

[Please name those in current need out loud or in your heart.]

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 190

(red hymnal, rear section)

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD p. 191 (red hymnal, front section)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION MEDITATION - Near the Cross, Becky Waters

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
**Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus’ name.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Borning Cry #732

(red hymnal, rear section)

**“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”**

**“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk to rising sun.”**

**“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”**

**“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - The Festive Trumpet, Brian Glyncannon

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Mary Stein-Webber** for assisting in worship.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Nikki Rocha** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation, and for sponsoring last Sunday’s brunch.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on *The Chosen*** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 1, Episode 5.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 15th, at 9:30 am. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are just beginning a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This is a good time to join in!
- **The Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 17th, at 1:45 pm.
- **Coffee Club** will meet on Friday, May 19th, starting at 9:00 am at the Nautical Bean in Baywood on 2nd St.
- **The Worship Planning Workshop** will take place Saturday, May 20th, 9:30 to 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Speak with Pastor Brian if you wish to join this group!
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
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