

## Divine Service - Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### Opening Hymn: 570 ss. 1-6

1 Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

2 Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot;  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt;  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind;  
Yes, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

6 Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

### Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

## The Introit of the Day

PS 66:16, 1-2, 8-9, 20

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!  
Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.  
Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

## The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity  
of all let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
LORD.  
CONG..... *Amen.*

## Choir: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" 461 ss. 1,3,5-6

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet  
sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living  
head.  
3. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me  
above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of  
need.  
5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away  
my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to  
impart.  
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and  
loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet,  
Priest, and King.

## PASTOR: Collect of the Day.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration  
grant that we may think those things that are right and by  
Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The First Reading: ACTS 10:34-38

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand  
that God shows no partiality,  
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is  
right is acceptable to him.  
36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news  
of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),  
37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea,  
beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John  
proclaimed:

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

**Gradual:** Adapt. from MATT. 28:7; HEB. 2:7; PS 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
He has put all things under his feet.

**The Epistle:** I JOHN 5:1-8

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

7 For there are three that testify:

8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

**Verse:** ROM. 6:9; JOHN 16:33b

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel:** ST. JOHN 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

10 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.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**The Sermon Hymn:** 575 ss. 1-4

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

**Sermon:** “Yes, Jesus Love Me?”

ACTS 10:34-38

**The Post-Sermon Hymn:** 588 ss. 1-2

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**The Apostles' Creed** (We Confess Together)

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.

## The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

### The Collect for the Word

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### The Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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