

Easter 6

Sunday May 9, 2021

Mary Day

PREACHER & PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating – a new heaven and a new earth.

People: The promise of joy and gladness for all people.

Pastor: The promise of Eden restored, where every living creature lives in harmony.

People: Promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who died to defeat evil,

and rose to give us life.

Pastor: So let us be glad and rejoice in what God has created in us -

new life - the life of the risen Christ.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us pray:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 Reading A reading from Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²O Lord, you have made | known your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;

lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R

⁵Sing to the Lord| with the harp,

with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,

the world and those who | dwell therein.

8Let the rivers | clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to | judge the earth.

⁹The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

Second Reading A reading from 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa- | ther will love them,*

and we will come to them and make our | home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Lector: The Gospel of our Lord, People: Glory to you, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 the People

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: Hear us, O God.
People: Your mercy is great.

Lector: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your

never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

*Offering Prayer

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

Pastor: 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:

Holy! Holy! Holy! (Spoken)

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will

and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed.

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught us.

*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.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

Communion Music

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Wellspring of joy,

through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,

that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

*Blessing

Pastor: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom

to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Pianist: SOPHIA RANKIN Music Leader: JOSH NICHOLS

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-

NSGadIffLHnDxG

And they are linked to the church website.

www.lutherantucson.org

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.

Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad
Sonja Dunn
Gerry Meyer
Mary Neff
Joy Neverman
Lois Olsrud
All those we hold dear in our hearts.



Sunday, May 13, 2021 Ascension of Our Lord Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

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