

THE LORD'S DAY

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Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 5:00 PM

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15 AM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 95

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Amen!

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

†“Now Thank We All Our God” #181*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession 1 John 1:5-10

Confession of Sin

(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and so we are helpless without you. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us, as we confess our faults, restore us, as we are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

†Psalm 92A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 16A; 1, 4-5

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 744)

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Revelation 1:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1028)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

REVELATION 1:17

THE LIVING ONE

- i. The Son of God is the First and Last
- ii. The Son of Man is Alive Forevermore
- iii. Christ Has the Keys

†“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I” #512

Offering 1st: General Fund
2nd: Benevolence Fund

God Blesses Us and
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD
make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the LORD lift up his
countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen!

†Doxology (unannounced, #568)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Postlude

† = please stand, if able

bold = congregational response

* = the congregation is invited to lift hands
(during last stanza); cf. Psa. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. (Psalm 123:1-2)

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 97:1-5, 12

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Psa. 124:8; Eph. 1:2

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

†Psalm 95C

†Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten
Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the**

Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;¹ 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 there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic² church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†Gloria Patri #571*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

God's Will for Our Lives

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. (Ps. 51.4)

You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! (Ps. 95:6)

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (Ps. 51:15)

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! ... For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. (Ps. 84:1, 10)

¹ See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

² "Catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! (Ps. 25:7)

You shall not murder.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Teach me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Ps. 139:23-24)

You shall not commit adultery.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. (Ps. 90:8)

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. (Ps. 51:1)

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! (Ps. 119:29)

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! (Ps. 119:36)

Pastoral Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen!

Psalm of the Month

†Psalm 51C; 1-4

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:27-4:7
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 974)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

GOD HAS BECOME OUR FATHER
LORD'S DAY 46
HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

120 Q. Why has Christ commanded us to address God as "our Father"?

A. To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer—a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ God has become our Father, and will much less refuse to give us what we ask in faith than will our parents refuse us the things of this life.

121 Q. Why the words "who is in heaven"?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty in an earthly way, and to expect from his almighty power everything needed for body and soul.

†"This Is My Father's World" #252

Offering General Fund

†Benediction 1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Amen!

†"Be Still, My Soul" #532

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