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11:00 AM—May 22, 2022—Sixth Sunday of Easter
Traditional Worship Service

Setting Four—Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Major
Larghetto - Andante (Fugue)

George Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

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HYMN 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUES

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67

WK Davis



Let the peo - ples praise you, O God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **R**

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth. **R**

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A reading from Revelation.

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN 447

O Blessed Spring

BERGLUND

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer for Peace

David Chewien

HYMN 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (vs. 4) **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**
Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed!
Alleluia! Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory,
never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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HYMN 388

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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HYMN 388

Be Not Afraid

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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.

HYMN 388

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,

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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
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG
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.

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HYMN 785

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 763 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

Sacrament of Holy Baptism. *This morning, during the 11:00 am service, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Carson James Busbee, son of Scott & Victoria Busbee. We welcome Carson James into the faith we all share through Jesus Christ.*

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Blythe Baxter, Trent Bozard, Nancy Brazell, Paul Jacobs, Emilie Jeffries, Harold Jones, Sarah Mattern, Drew Myers, Mona Myers, Trent Myers, Kayla Newman, Dalton Rodgers, Darby Shepherd, Todd Sharpe, Ben Smith, Eric Smith.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Rev. Charles Easley, Will Wood, Robert Cromer, Cheryl Hall, Paul Jacobs.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Nancy Allen, Dottie Ford, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Murray Hoskins, Betty Wise, Boyd Steele, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Barbara Stilwell, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Lisa Long, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Kristy Ann Taylor, Michelle Clayton, Benita Martin, Steve Self, Sandra Lockhard, Elva Newman, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, John Bundrick, Carlie Lewellen, Katie Feaster, Steve Collum, Lori Gladiness.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Russell Shealy, Harry Jarrett, Gail Bryant, Regina Carlson, Sally Williams.

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bruce & Carol Busbee in honor of Carson James Busbee's baptism today.

Bulletin Covers. Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Sharon Mattern in honor of Sarah Mattern's birthday.

Processional Cross Flowers. Today's Processional Cross Flowers are given to the glory of God by David Mellichamp in loving memory of Rita Mellichamp.

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