

Welcome to  
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*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
May 26, 2019 + 10:15 a.m.

**P- Pastor, C-Congregation**

*\* All who are able please stand.*

Prelude

Welcome and Parish Concerns

\*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to 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 holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By God's grace we have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

### Gathering

\*Opening Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" *bulletin pg. 11*

\*Greeting

P: From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



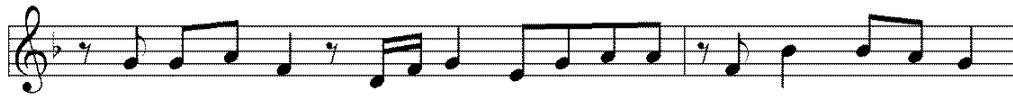
♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.  
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

\*Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen

*Word*

FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

The First Lesson is from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of 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.*

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When 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.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and 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. <sup>13</sup>On 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. <sup>14</sup>A 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. <sup>15</sup>When 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.

Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let your ways be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.**
- <sup>7</sup>May God give | us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.





GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

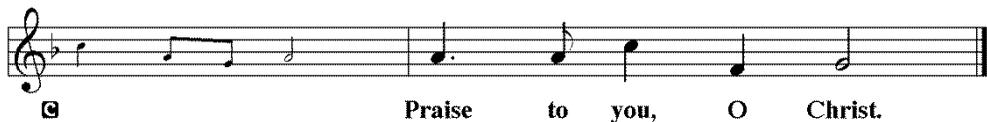


*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever 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.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But 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. <sup>27</sup>Peace 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. <sup>28</sup>You 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. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Message

*Silence for Reflection*

*Our Response to God's Word*

\*Hymn of the Day “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” *bulletin pg. 12*

\* The Apostles Creed

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

\*Sharing the Peace

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*Please share the peace of Christ with one another.*

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem “Somebody’s Prayin’” John G. Elliot, arr. Mark Hayes

Soloist: Bob Benton

\*Offertory Hymn



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the  
 joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

\*Prayers of Intercession

### Memorial Day Liturgy

**P:** As God’s people, called together in the name of Jesus to be light to the world and witnesses and advocate for justice, righteousness, and peace for all, we join together today to remember those brave men and women of our armed forces who have given their lives in defense of freedom and in the pursuit of justice and peace for all. In this time of sacred remembrance, we also offer our thanks and praise to God for the gift of peace, for the blessings of liberty, and for the privilege of living in a nation committed to the pursuit of justice, peace, and freedom for all.

**C:** We bless you, O God, for the blessings of freedom, peace, and justice that you desire for all people. Open our hearts to your loving will for all people, that, in grateful remembrance of those who have given their lives in the cause of justice and peace, and of all who have served in the pursuit of these noble causes, we may dedicate ourselves to continuing the work of peace and justice for all.

**P:** It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here thus far so nobly advanced.

**C:** It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion –

**P:** that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain –

**C:** that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom –

**All:** and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

P: The Lord shall judge between many people, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away:

**C: they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks:**

P: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any-more;

**C: but they shall sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.**

P: Let us pray. God of peace and justice, we remember before you this day with grateful hearts and humble spirits, the brave men and women of our armed forces who have nobly served their country in the cause of peace and the pursuit of justice for all, and who, in the course of that service, have given their lives that freedom may flourish, that justice may prevail, and that peace may triumph.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

As we member their sacrifice and service, may you so bless us with your grace that we may dedicate ourselves to continuing the work for which they gave the ultimate measure of devotion. As they bravely poured out their lives for the cause of peace and justice, so may we, inspired by their example, also pour forth ourselves in that same cause. As we remember these brave heroes, and all who have nobly served the cause of peace and justice in our military, we also pray for the day when war will cease and the peace for which they served and sacrificed will fully come to pass. As we honor their memory, let us also honor their cause, that all may one day know true justice, real freedom, and lasting peace. Pour out your loving grace upon all who have served, and now serve, in our military, and bless our nation with our abiding presence, that we may be messengers of hope and peace to all the world. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Thanking God for the gift of peace, we join in praying the prayer Jesus taught us.

**C: 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**

P: Let peace reign in your hearts and let peace and justice prevail throughout the world. The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

**C: Amen**

\*Hymn “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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\*Dismissal

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

\*Postlude

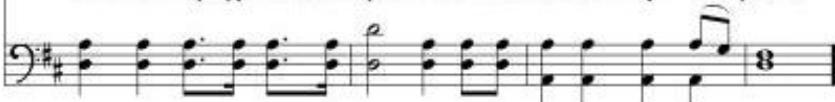
## Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



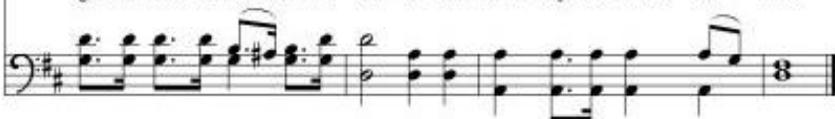
### *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-hove the fruit-ed plain:  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea,  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929  
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903