

Readings, Collects, Hymns

Easter 6
May 22, 2022

Opening | *You Call Us Lord To Be*

You call us, Lord, to be
A people set apart,
To feel with thoughtful mind
And think with tender heart.

*Thus chosen, now,
O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.*

You call us, Lord, to care
For self and neighbour too,
To take the risk, and dare
To show what love can do.

*Thus chosen, now,
O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.*

You call us, Lord, to be
Good stewards of the earth;
To tend it as a place
Of blessedness and worth.

*Thus chosen, now,
O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.*

You call us, Lord, to serve:
To die that we may live,
To know we best receive
When joyfully we give.

*Thus chosen, now,
O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.*

Collect

Holy One,
you breathe the word of love
and the promise of new creation
into the secret places of our lives.
Teach us the costly way of fearless love and
priceless peace;
through Jesus Christ, who dwells in us.
Amen.

The First Reading | *Acts 16:9-15*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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." 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. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 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. 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. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper 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. 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

O God, be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of your countenance and come
to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

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

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
may you, O God our God, bless us.**

May you bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of
you.

The Second Reading | *Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

A Reading from the Revelation to John

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And 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. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. 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 through 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. Nothing 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; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And 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.

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The Gospel | *John 14:23-29*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered, "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. 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. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. 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. 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. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Second Hymn | *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the water,
You called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys to sleep:
And over the aeons
You called to each thing;
Wake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings.

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

Chorus

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise.

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You sang at the stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

Chorus

Closing | *Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!
(race in vain!)

Hold my hand while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
Hold my hand while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
Hold my hand while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!
(race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race,
(yes, my Lord!)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!
(race in vain!)