

May 22, 2022

at 11am

Worship Booklet

Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Liturgy of the Word

*Please
join us
on Zoom*



ASCENSION

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Sundays at 9am

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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.

Chorus

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

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Risen Christ stands among his disciples and says, "Peace be with you."

Let us share Christ's peace with one another, placing our hands on our hearts.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of Indigenous peoples. I live on the unceded territory of the *Algonquin Anishnaabeg people*. On whose territory do you live?

Silence

Let us pray,

Loving God,

help us to live respectfully on these lands, seeking justice and peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In this joyful Easter season, let us give thanks for the gift of new life.

Blessed are you, God of all, to you be glory and praise for ever. You are our light and our salvation. From the deep waters of death you have raised your Son to life in triumph. Grant that we may daily be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices to sing.

Gloria

*Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to people of good will.*

Repeat

Collect of the Day

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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

Sermon

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.

*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 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.

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

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us declare our faith in the
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Closing

**This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory to God whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

May the joy of the resurrection be revealed in your life. May the peace of the risen Lord live deep inside you.

May you be a sign of God's love to a world in need of hope and rebirth.

And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you this day and for evermore.

Closing Hymn | *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!)

Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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