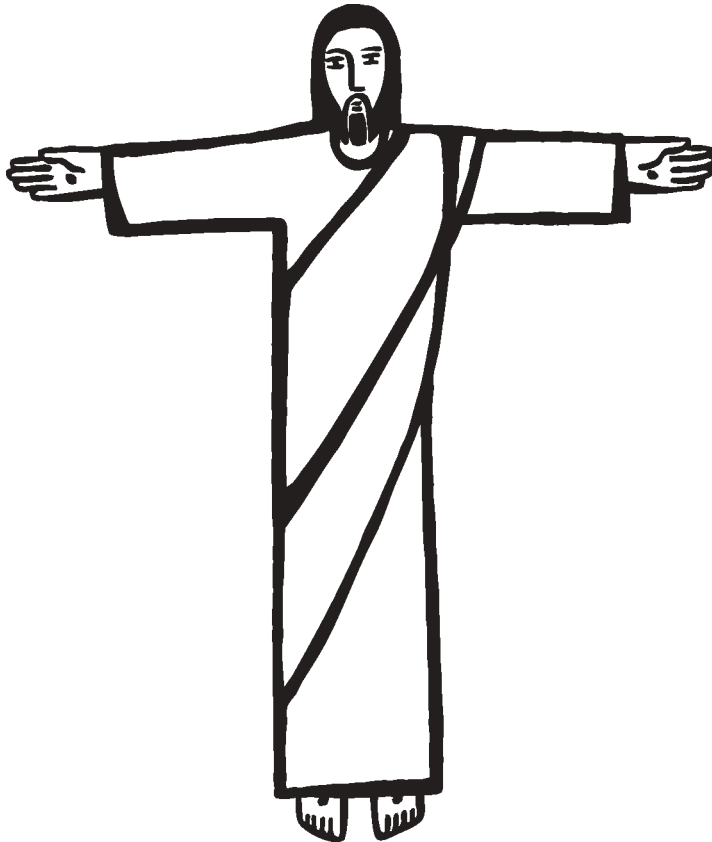


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2005 - 8:30 AM

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks clearly of the Spirit he will send to his disciples of every generation. Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus announces that a person comes to birth as a child of God through water and the Spirit. In this reading he calls the Spirit another advocate, the one who will speak to the heart of the baptized who listen in silence for his voice.

In their prayers, hymns, and preaching, Western Christians have tended to place greater emphasis on Christ than the Holy Spirit. In these Sundays, when the role of the Spirit in Christian life is highlighted, it may be appropriate to reflect on our understanding of this seemingly silent yet ever-present person of the Holy Trinity.

May 1, 2005

8:30 am Worship

Resurrection Life Across the Miles

Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus moved toward people in need rather than away from them. In the gospels, Jesus touches a leper to cleanse the disease from the man's skin. He takes the hand of a girl who has died and raises her to life again. He talks to and then heals a man who lives among the tombs because his disease has pushed him to the very edge of his village. No matter what he is doing, Jesus shares his life with others, bridging the distance in order to restore and heal them.

When we hear stories from the ministry of Jesus, we who live so many centuries from all these events may sometimes feel like mere spectators of other people's good fortune. Our time is so different, and our lives are so distant from the roadways and villages of first century Galilee.

In the gospel reading for today, Jesus makes a promise that has to do with bridging the distance between his time and ours. "Because I live, you also will live," he tells the disciples. His ministry had not been merely something for spectators to admire, but had touched real people's lives. So also his resurrection life is not just a spectacle to ponder across the centuries, but a life to be shared between Christ and all those for whom he died. The hymn writer puts it well: "Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns" (*LBW* 363, st. 3).

The mystery and the hope of the resurrection is that the Risen Christ reigns as he always has, by moving toward those who need him. He does not shrink back from our pain, disease, and death, but lives to bring healing and restoration in the midst of it, just as he did throughout his ministry. Because he lives, we also will live.

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DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

by David Haas

PRELUDE

O Had I Jubal's Lyre

(Handel)

GATHERING

** **SONG** 532 LBW (green hymnal)

How Great Thou Art

** **WELCOME / SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor Prochaska

** **GREETING** (spoken)

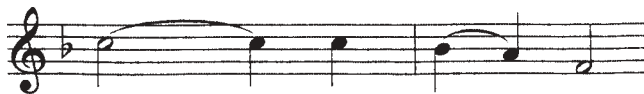
The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

** **KYRIE** (sung)

Assistant: Gathered in peace, gathered in peace, we pray to the Lord...

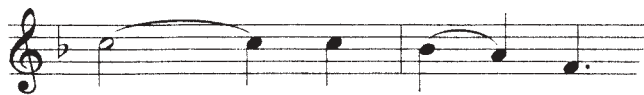
Lord, have Mercy.



☐ Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For peace from above, and for the saving power of God, let us pray.

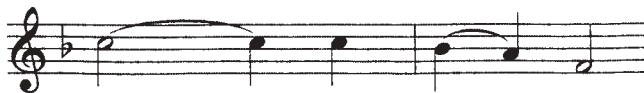
Christ, have Mercy.



☐ Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For peace in the world, for the Church, for the unity of all, let us pray.

Lord, have Mercy.



☐ Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray.
Christ, have Mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Amen.

**** THIS IS THE FEAST (sung)**

Refrain

This is the feast! Come and celebrate the
vic-t'ry for our God! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! This is the feast!

Verse 1

1. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb once slain, whose
blood was shed to give free-dom for all. Pow-er and
rich - es, wis-dom and strength,

To Refrain
hon-or and bless-ing; come give glo-ry to Christ! Yes,

Verse 2
2. Sing out with joy, all peo-ple of God!

Join in the song of cre - a - tion! Bless-ing and

hon - or, glo - ry and might to

To Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er more! Yes,

Verse 3
I + II 3. This is the feast for praise and re - joic - ing,

for the Lamb, the one who was slain, will come

forth now and be - gin God's reign!

To Refrain
Sing all you peo - ple, sing Al-le-lu-ia! Yes,

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Make My Life An Alleluia
Chancel Choir

(Schram)

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Green / Gold Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

PSALM (spoken)

Psalms 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

**⁸who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

⁹For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**¹⁰You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**¹²I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble.**

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

**¹⁴Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

**¹⁶If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**

¹⁷but in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

SECOND READING

I Peter 3:13-22

** **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 613 WOV (blue hymnal)

Celtic Alleluia

** **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:15-21

SERMON

Speaking Truth

Pastor Prochaska

** **SONG** 508 LBW (green hymnal)

Come Down, O Love Divine

** **THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(arr. by Labenske)

** **GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

** **PROPER PREFACE** (spoken by the Pastor)

It is indeed right and good... join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

** **COMMUNION PRAYER** Holy God, holy and living One... we sing the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ
is ris - en. Christ will come,
Christ will come a - gain.

Send your Holy Spirit... now and forever.

A - men, A - men,
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men,
*A - men.
A - men!

** **LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.


HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion, shared around the altar.

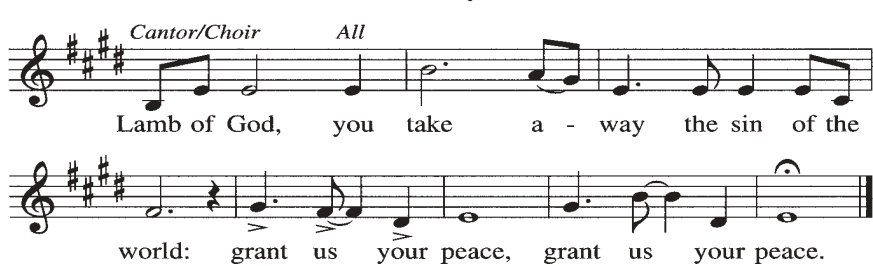
LAMB OF GOD (sung as communion assistants come forward) (congregation seated)

Cantor/Choir All



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Cantor/Choir All



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME (sung during communion)

(David Haas)

Refrain



Take and eat, this is my bod - y.



Take and drink, this is my blood;



shared that you may be for - giv - en.

Do this in mem - 'ry of me.

Do this in mem - 'ry of me.

Verse 1

I 1. Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,

Christ will come, Christ will come a -

gain. *To Refrain*

Verse 2

I 2. Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -

stored our life; Lord Je - sus come, Lord Je - sus

come in glo - ry! *To Refrain*

Verse 3

I+II 3. When we eat this bread, when we drink this
cup, we pro-claim your death un - til you
come a - gain! *To Refrain*

707 WOV (blue hymnal)
702 WOV (blue hymnal)

*This Is My Body
I Am the Bread of Life*

** **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of Word and Sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

** **BLESSING** (spoken)

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, + restore, support, and strengthen you through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

** **SONG** 554 LBW (green hymnal)

This is My Father's World

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

(Handel)

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

The family of Milan Filcik, who passed away 4/18, services were held here on April 25	Betty, who has cancer
The family of Naomi Oehrtman, who passed away on 4/ 19, services were held here on April 23	Ted, who has breathing problems
Carol Brayton, at Kettering Hospital	Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's daughter), who is having twins & having problems with the pregnancy
Hazel Reel	Roger Faris, had a serious heart attack
Ruth Lackey	Becky, who has a brain tumor
Darren	Emily Winkler & Brian Purdin, married here April 23, 2005
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Jean
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Helen
Sharon, who has cancer	Pat
Mary Campbell, co-worker of Paula Bennett, on her daughter's hospitalization	Mary
Jay, who has cancer	Godspeed for Marilyn and Tom Edwards
Jerry, who has cancer	Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer
Monica Benbow & her family	Carol Haroldson, having a biopsy on Wednesday
Randy Wright & his family	Family & friends of Mary Jo Coleman, a secretary in the guidance offices at KFHS, who died suddenly on Monday.
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	
Dick Krewson, Maxine Yike's cousin, who is hospitalized with pneumonia and a heart attack	

May 1, 2005 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Prayers Received April 24, 2005 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com