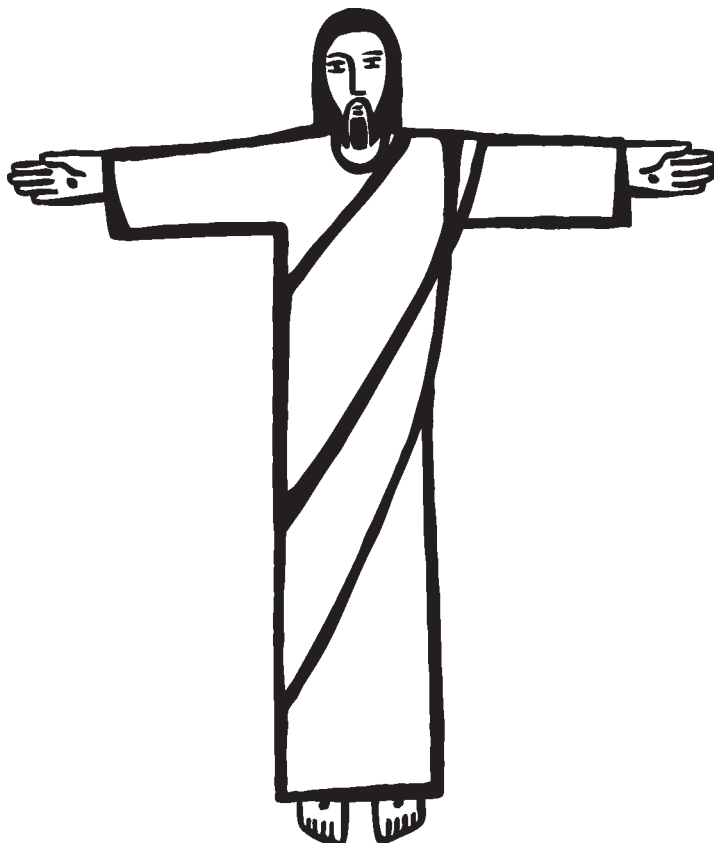


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 29, 2005 - 5:30 PM
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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.

April 29, 2005

5:30 p.m. 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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** Stand if you are able.

PRELUDE

O Had I Jubal's Lyre

(Handel)

WELCOME

Pastor Prochaska

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, who chose us in Christ. Let us come to the fountain of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin and death. Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Grant us the radiant power of your grace. Forgive us, heal us, and renew us, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING

** **HYMN 532 LBW** (green hymnal)

How Great Thou Art

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

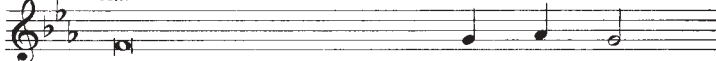
Procession

Leader:



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo-ple here. —

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo

1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER (sung)

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

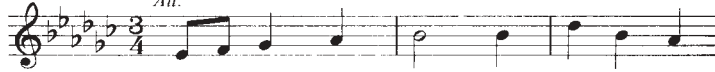
O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

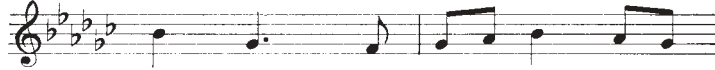
PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

All:



Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

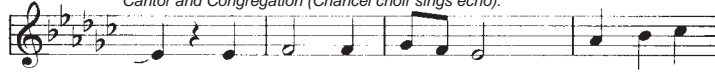


fore you, the lift-ing up of my



hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

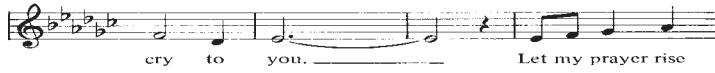
Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



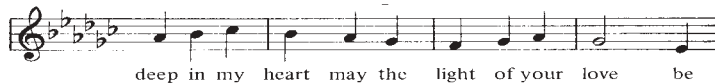
up like in cense be - fore you, the



lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



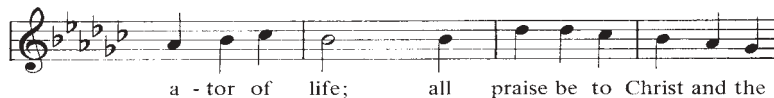
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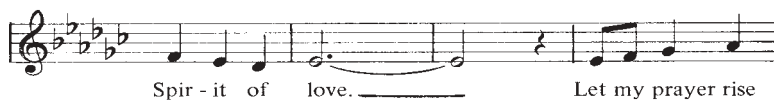
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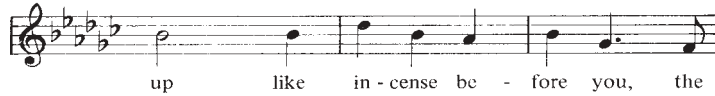
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

PSALM

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

1 Peter 3:13-22

**** GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. 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. Alleluia. (Rom 6:9; John 14:34)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

SERMON

Speaking Truth

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 508 LBW (green hymnal)**

Come Down, O Love Divine

**** THE PRAYERS (spoken)**

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

With heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who conquered death to give us eternal life and joy, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**** PEACE (sharing together the Peace of the Lord.)**

MEAL

OFFERTORY

(Please place your offering in the offering basket located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

**** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)**

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your green hymnal.)

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 him thanks and praise.

Pastor Prays...

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

Let us pray.

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. Communicant may say **Amen**.

**** COMMUNION BLESSING** (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **Amen**



**** FINAL BLESS**

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days.



A - men.

** HYMN 554 LBW (green hymnal)

This is My Father's World

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

(Handel)

This Week's Commerations

Sunday, May 1

St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Monday, May 2

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

Wednesday, May 4

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

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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

The family of Naomi Oehrtman, who passed away on 4/
19, services were held here on April 23

Carol Brayton, at Kettering Hospital

Hazel Reel

Ruth Lackey

Darren

Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy

Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4

Sharon, who has cancer

Mary Campbell, co-worker of Paula Bennett, on her
daughter's hospitalization

Jay, who has cancer

Jerry, who has cancer

Monica Benbow & her family

Randy Wright & his family

Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer

Dick Krewson, Maxine Yike's cousin, who is hospitalized
with pneumonia and a heart attack

Betty, who has cancer

Ted, who has breathing problems

Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's
daughter), who is having twins & having problems
with the pregnancy

Roger Faris, had a serious heart attack

Becky, who has a brain tumor

Emily Winkler & Brian Purdin, married here April 23,
2005

Jean

Helen

Pat

Mary

Godspeed for Marilyn and Tom Edwards

Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer

Carol Haroldson, having a biopsy on Wednesday

Family & friends of Mary Jo Coleman, a secretary in the
guidance offices at KFHS, who died suddenly on
Monday.

May 1, 2005 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prayers Received April 24, 2005 – The Third 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