



Welcome to Worship! **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Prelude

Gathering Song - "Rise, Shine, You People!"

Rise, shine, you people!

Christ the Lord has entered our human story;

God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;

He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,

Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

Opening

P - Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C - Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P - Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, our light and our salvation.

C - Amen.

P - Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C - We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P - Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C - By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P - We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C - Shower us with your Spirit. And renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P - To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C - Amen.

Greeting

P - The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C - And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P - Loving Lord,

C - you have showered your world with faith, hope, and love. Move us to be faithful to you, to offer hope to those in need, and to love all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Children's Time - Joshua Hochstetler

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 6:1-9

L - Word of God, word of life!

C - Thanks be to God!

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L - Word of God, word of life!

C - Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading - Mark 12:28-31

L - Word of God, word of life!

C - Thanks be to God!

Song - "Rooted and Grounded in Love"

A blessed light, a love so wide, that shines so darkness can't reside;
A baffling love we barely grasp, a mystery revealed.
God's gift to us, a promise bold; the Spirit's word, a pow'r untold.
God's seed of faith lives in our hearts
As we're rooted and grounded, rooted and grounded in love.

The vines of fear, the burrs of spite, the thorns of greed, the weeds of might
Cannot take hold in God's lush field: no room for them to grow.
The frozen soil of scarcity, the dusty dirt of apathy
Is not the sod where we abide,
For we're rooted and grounded, rooted and grounded in love.

To us is given an inner strength. God's love: its height and depth and length;
The source of our serenity is bedrock 'neath our lives.
A soil where deeply we remain, this rich, warm earth our life sustains.
We rise, we grow, God's vintage all,
Ever rooted and grounded, rooted and grounded in love.

Sermon

Song - "What A Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever God You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

L - Lord, in your mercy,
C - hear our prayer.

Song - "I Love You Lord"

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Lord's Prayer

C - 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 your, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P - The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,

C - the blessing of Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

P - and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C - Amen

Sending Song - "Bind Us Together"

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.

There is only one Body; that is why we can sing.

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.

Dismissal

A - Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news!

C - Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

Readings for Next Sunday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

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