

Easter 6, May 9, 2021, Order of Worship

Easter Shout of Joy: (repeat 3 times)

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship—Psalm 98

P: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

C: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

P: The Lord has made known his victory;

C: He has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Break forth into joyous song, and sing his praises!

P: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

C: With the lyre and the sound of melody.

P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C: Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C: The world and all those who live in it.

P: Let the floods clap their hands;

C: Let the hills sing together for joy

P: At the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: *Now All the Vault of Heaven (public domain) LBW 143, ELW 367, HP 1487

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,

All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***The Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day** O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Time:

A reading from Acts, the 10th chapter (10:44-48) Note: As you listen, try to remember the parallels we heard in last week's reading from Acts. The gift of the Holy Spirit has been poured out on a gentile, and the natural outcome of that is baptism.

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

***Alleluia!** *Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

***The holy gospel according to John, the 15th chapter (15:9-17)**

Glory to you, O Lord! (before)

Praise to you, O Christ! (after)

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* (public domain) LBW 263, ELW 539, HP 621

St. John: sing to *Lead On, O King Eternal*, LBW 495, LBW 805 (Charlotte, your choice)

*Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace,
That evil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.*

*Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your word.
Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your peace;
That earth may know your glory, and war and hatred cease.*

***The Prayers of the Church** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 178, Augsburg Fortress)

Alive in the risen Christ, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear and answer us.

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. We pray for all with whom we share altar and pulpit fellowship, that you bless our mutual ministry. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of leaders of all nations, and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one, and you accompany those who feel alone. Be present with those who are sick or suffering. Provide for those needing homes or medical care, and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Bestow on the dying and those who love them your grace and comfort. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying, **Our Father**

Benediction

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Spread, Oh, Spread* (public domain) LBW 379, ELW 836, HP 1723

*Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, spread the reign of God the Lord;
Tell how his own Son he gave, all from sin and death to save.*

*Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, gave himself as sacrifice.*

*Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gathering nations all see you light and heed your call.*

***Dismissal**

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Now go in peace and share the good news! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!