



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
Oh my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord
Oh let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

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Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSON OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

WORSHIP THE LORD

Worship the Lord in spirit and truth
Worship the Lord in love

Let us fix our eyes on Him
With pure hearts rise to Him
The King of Glory in our midst

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1 PETER 3:8-18

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

David Stewart

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE COLLECT

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVED SACRAMENT

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. John 6:51, 55-56

Officiant: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with this prayer below:

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood.

Amen.

CHRIST IS THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

Verse 1

In Christ we offer all that He has offered
The perfect offering
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

Verse 2

So we remember all that He re-membered
The whole of life returned
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

Bridge

Let us lift up lift our hearts
Let us lift up lift our hearts
It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord

Verse 3

Sent forth in beauty reconciling all things
Radiant in holiness
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

Sandra McCracken

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THE SERVANT SONG

Verse 1

Brother let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

Verse 2

Sister let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

Verse 3

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

Verse 4

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

Verse 5

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

Verse 6

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are brothers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

Richard Gillard

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LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Chorus

Leaning leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 1

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 3

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed
company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all the good works
that you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE PEACE

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

Today's Preacher - David Stewart

David is originally from British Columbia. He is currently Director of Libraries at Bethel University and has studied at Regent College and the University of Western Ontario. David and his wife Liz, our Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, are the parents of four grown children, and live in Falcon Heights.

EASTER *Creativity* from CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

We are spreading an Easter Feast for one another by offering our creative gifts to encourage, inspire and celebrate. Adults, youth and children are all invited to submit artwork of all kinds - poetry, painting or photography; music, memoir or drawing. "Wait" is our word this week and submissions are due end-of-day on May 22nd.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS](#)

[VIEW LAST WEEK'S SUBMISSIONS HERE](#)

CELEBRATING EASTER WITH GENEROSITY

Throughout the Easter season, Church of the Redeemer is giving \$1000 each week to organizations that provide relief to those affected by the current crisis. Additional resources are also available for the needs of individuals and families in and outside our church. Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare. The recipient for the sixth week of Easter is **International Justice Mission**, whose mission is to work with local justice officials, community partners, and advocates to end slavery.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In light of altered schedules and an increased need for worship and fellowship we are increasing the frequency of worship to three times-a-week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Each time of worship will follow a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes with a unique emphasis. Login information and a downloadable orders of service will be available at:

<https://ofthedeemer.org/events>

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.,

[Emphasis: God's Word for us.](#)

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.,

[Emphasis: Prayer.](#)

Friday, Noon

Friday, May 22 will be the final midday worship service, before a summer hiatus.

[Emphasis: Testimony.](#)

Gathering Responsibly

In accordance with the new guidelines announced by Gov. Walz, we are working to provide options for responsible gatherings in groups of ten or less. If you would be willing to host an outdoor and/or indoor gathering, please enter your information using the link below. More details will be shared with potential hosts in the coming week.

[Volunteer To Host](#)

Women's Bible Studies on the Gospel of John

- Monday night - resumes April 20 via Zoom from 7:30-9:00pm. All women are invited - it is not too late to join us! Please contact [Barbara Leafblad](#) or [Barbie Anderson](#) for materials and Zoom info.
- Thursday morning - resumes April 16th in Chapter 14 of the Gospel of John via Zoom from 9:30-10:30. All women are welcome. Please contact [Cindy Calvin](#) at for further information.

PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

A care team has been established to help maintain connections and encouragement within the church body, and to support one another in mission to neighbors, friends, and family. Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

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