



# The Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 9, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding

## Welcome!

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We are glad you are worshipping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate. All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

Please join us after church for coffee downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

## Gathering

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THE BELL CHOIR

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller/Jackson

THE THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. ☩ **Amen.**

☩ A reading from Revelation.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (*Rev. 22:1-2*)

☩ Joined to Christ ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ **Amen.**

*As a reminder of the gift of baptism, those present may be sprinkled with water as they sing:*

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN

Many and Great, O God

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☩ Almighty God, ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. ☩ **Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

☩ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☩ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The greeting continues:*

☐ The grace of our risen Savior, ... be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE      This Is the Feast      Page 169, front of hymnal

THE SALUTATION

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## Word

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THE FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15

*A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

☐ A reading from Acts:


<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.



<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM 67

Sung antiphonally

REFRAIN (sung by choir, then by all; then at each  by all)VERSES (light=choir; **bold**=all)


- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known | upon earth,**  
**your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions**  
**on earth. **
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth its increase;**  
**God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. 

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

## THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.*

 A reading from Revelation:

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People

will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>23</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**A** The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Choir:** **Repeat Alleluia**

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa | ther will love them,\* and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

**P** <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will

teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

*Stand*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

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THE PRAYERS

☐ Lord, in your mercy, ☑ **hear our prayer.**

*Sit*

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE MEN OF THE CHOIR

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

*Stand*

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

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## Meal

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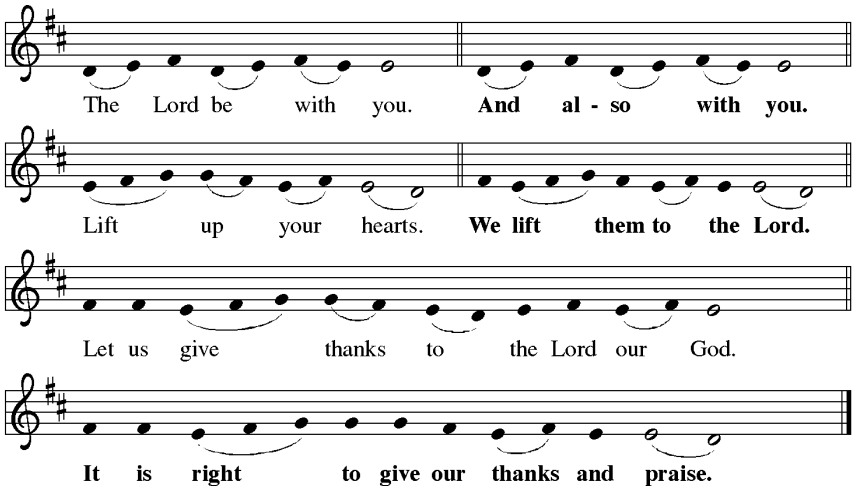
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

☐ Blessed are you,

☑ **O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### THE INITIAL DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

### THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

#### THE HOLY

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#### THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☐ ...As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- ☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- ☐ ...Grace our table with your presence. ☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- ☐ ...burning with justice, peace, and love. ☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- ☐ ...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

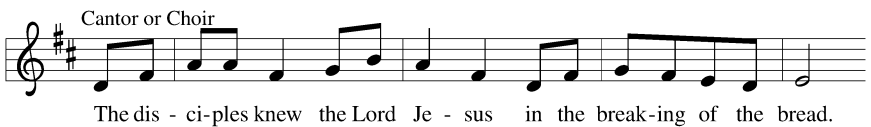
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sit*

#### THE DISTRIBUTION

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

Cantor or Choir



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Assembly




The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor or Choir



The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mu - nion of the bod - y of Christ.

Assembly



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor or Choir



One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, though man - y we share one bread.

Assembly



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

When Peace, Like a River  
The Peace of the Lord

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## Sending

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*Stand*

### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE      Now, Lord      #200

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Let us pray. Life-giving God... Christ, our risen Lord. ☑ **Amen**

### THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☑ **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you. ☑ Peace be with you.

### THE BENEDICTION

☐ The Lord bless you ... and ☩ give you peace. ☑ **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

Thy Word

Michael W. Smith–Amy Grant, arr. Stan Pethel

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

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*Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.*

Kathy G. (Pat Brown), Lori (Pat Brown), Pat Hamilton (Gail Bates), Gale Anderson (Pat Brown), Karen, Donald, Maria P. (Pat Brown), Jamie Botton & her family, the Johnson family (Pat Brown), Irene Lukasiewski (Pat Brown), Laura Dion (Pat Brown), Mae Eisenhardt, the Clark family (Pat Brown), the Dubois family (Pat Brown), Wayne Lord (Pat Brown), Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Penny Kinney (Pat Brown), Joe Pavano (Cindy Pavano), Rose Huie (Pat Brown), Rita & Keenen Black (Pat Brown), the Bradley family mourning death of Tyrone Bedell (Jessica Sierra), Rick Guinness, Sister & Mom of the Chamber family (Pat Brown), Lois Arena (Ralph Holmstrom), Julia (Pat Brown), Craig (Pat Brown), Bill & Linda Matson, Dottie Nelson, Dennis & Susan Malone (Bre Johnson), Phyllis Bruce (Bill Hively), Alexis Zweibleson (Louis Sacco), the Sacco family (Louis Sacco), Lorraine Carlson, family & friends mourning the death of Ray Turner (Jill Pfister), Shirley, Troy, Marilyn, Daniel C., the Chamberlain family, Adele (Pat Brown); Jessy and Trevor Matthews

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***FIRST*** in outreach to youth and families

***FIRST*** with in-reach

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