

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Amazing Love

As We Gather

“In the sight of God” is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God’s unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God’s amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening Hymn

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia

Opening Sentences

- P** Praise the LORD!
- C** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

P The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
C **Praise the LORD!**

Confession and Absolution

P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

P Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
C **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of His praise be heard,
C **who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

P Blessed be God,
because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

Kyrie

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

- P** 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

First Reading *Acts 10:34–48 page # in Pew Bible*

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 John 5:1–8 page # in Pew Bible*

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- C** **Christ has risen from the dead.**
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

**He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

Holy Gospel *John 15:9–17 page # in Pew Bible*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray to our God who does not remove His steadfast love from us or reject our prayers for His whole Church and for all people according to their needs.

For all who come and hear God's Word, that they would rightly fear God and learn what He has done for their souls, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our mothers, that with thanksgiving we may honor them aright as Christ honored and obeyed His mother while here on earth; for all women with child, that God would give them safe delivery; and for all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in Christ and His unfailing love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation's leaders, that God would cause them to serve wisely for our good in accord with His revealed order; though we do not always know what the Master is doing by the authorities He gives, that we would make ample use of the freedom Jesus has given in His name to ask the Father for everything as friends and fellow sons, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *especially* Hedy Beer, Kathleen, Alicia, Sallyann, Sheila, Kathie Kirschenmann, Lou, Jean Staffa, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Rory, Jean, Annette Kirschenmann, Ray Wirsing, Rod Isaacson, Sharlene, Fran, Doug, Wally Olson, Janna, Ralph and Carol, Maria, Andrew, and Pastor Barber and his family that they would receive from God all His good gifts of healing for the body, grace to bear the cross, and finally a blessed end and the gift of eternal life in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to the Holy Supper, that having received the testimony of God in the water of Baptism, they may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus and so overcome the world by faith in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

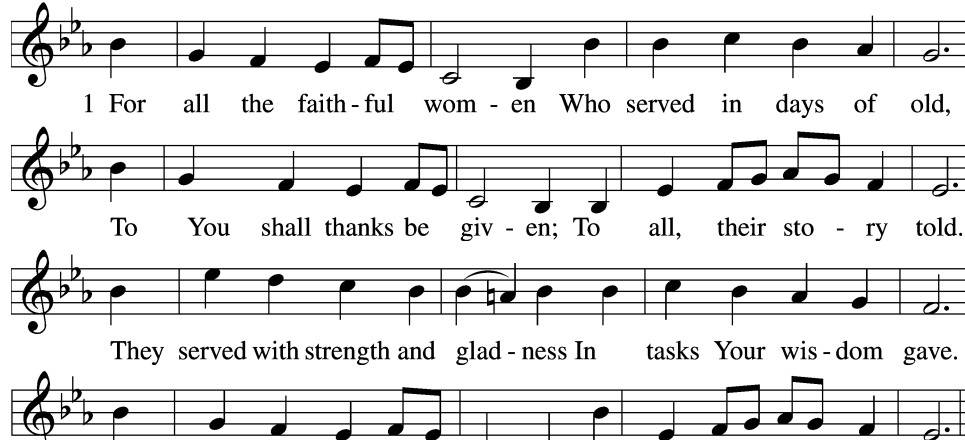
**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Recognition of Mothers

- P** Since 1870, the second Sunday in May has been designated as a time to honor mothers in the United States. In more recent times, expressions of appreciation and honor have been extended to grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and all women whose contributions to the well-being of children have enriched society. Through the ages, many women have been remembered and honored by the Church. The hymn “For All the Faithful Women” celebrates Christian women throughout the centuries, thanking God for them.

855 For All the Faithful Women

st. 1



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.

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Recognition

- P** Several women commemorated in individual stanzas of “For All the Faithful Women” are honored for their examples of blessed motherhood. Among those are Hannah, from Old Testament times, and Eunice and Lois, mentioned in the New Testament writings of Paul. There is also a stanza for Mary, the mother of our Lord. Bringing the remembrance to present times, a new stanza honors mothers from all times and places as “gifts among us.”

We Thank You, Lord, for Mothers



We thank You, Lord, for moth - ers Who
Your great kind - ness share Through lov - ing deeds for
oth - ers As em - blems of Your care. May
we true hon - or show them And joy - ful - ly ex -
press That they are gifts a -
mong us To cher - ish and to bless.

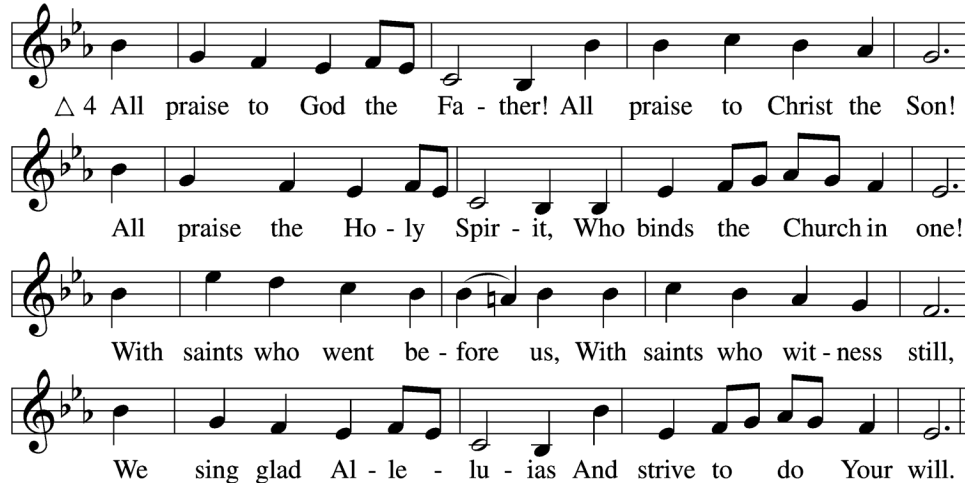
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Conclusion

- P** The final stanza of “For All the Faithful Women” is a doxology, most appropriate this day to glorify God as we express our thanks for the faithful women in our lives and in the ongoing life of the Church.

855 For All the Faithful Women

st. 4



△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God.

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Weekly Announcements

Worship:

If you are planning to attend in person worship, please register each week using the link below.

<https://rsvp.church/r/PsLbwYgP>

Please dispose of your worship bulletin (and Communion supplies) or take them with you. We are not recycling them.

We have resumed the use of the mailboxes upstairs, so please check yours today.

Please check the *May Monthly News* for exciting new changes taking place next month.

Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm online.

ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church. This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 7 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

Online Giving:

We are now set up for Online Giving on our website as well as in Breeze. If you haven't set up your personal Breeze account, please do so using the email invite that was sent out to you. Setting up your account allows you to update your personal contact information and allows access to online giving.

If you need another invitation or need help setting it up, please contact Jim Burmeister at

elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org or (847) 934-5963.

Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:

Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org

Summer Suppers:

Please check the *May Monthly News* for detailed information regarding the 2021 Summer Supper Program.

Altar Flowers:

Thank You! The flowers last week were placed to the Glory of God by Don and Marion Campion in celebration of Marian's Birthday.

May 2021

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May Happenings

May 9 9:00 am – The Sixth Sunday of Easter – No Communion

May 11 6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

May 13 6:30 pm – ORLC Summer Suppers

May 16 9:00 am – “The Ascension of the Lord (Observed)” – With Communion

May 20 7:00 pm - Call Committee Meeting

May 23 9:00 am - Pentecost Sunday – No Communion

May 30 9:00 am – Trinity Sunday – With Communion