

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



FROM PRINCE OF PEACE

Dare to Live with Joy

May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

Prelude

Welcome

The Psalm for this Sunday describes everything in creation offering joyful noises to God. Our joy is complete because the joy of Christ lives within us. We cannot help but break forth. This joy is available to all, realizes the community in the Acts scripture. The Holy Spirit finds its way even and especially in what feels like unlikely people and places. Where do we see the Spirit at work? And who can withhold the living water and our living praise? No one!

Call to Worship: This is the call!

The sun breaks through the clouds.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

We know that God is at work in our lives.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

And when rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas set out anyway.

For we are called to live again!

Greeting

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation! You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world. Come with us, dazzle us with your brilliance, move us to wakefulness – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray.
Amen.

Time for Confession and Forgiveness

We confess this day that we have been slow to join with Jesus in the dance that brings life to all, brings love to all, brings sustenance to all. ‘
In silence, let us lift up our prayers of confession... *(a time of silence)*

Hear this good news!
God has loved you from the very beginning.
The invitation of Christ is never-ending:
New life in Christ is yours right now.
The Holy Spirit is transforming you and
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Alleluia! 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 and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
This we ask in your name.
Amen.

The Word

Children's Moment

First Reading: Acts 10.44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 98

¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

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

²The LORD has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

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

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

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

Gospel Greeting (*sing it out!*):

Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah!

Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Hallelujah, halle-lujah!

Gospel: John 15.9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have 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. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The gospel of the Lord!

(*Gospel response, sing it out!*)

**Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah!
Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Hallelujah, halle-lujah!**

Message

Hymn of the Day: “Now the Green Blade Rises” 379 John MacLeod Campbell
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1. Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain
wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain
Love lives again
that with the dead has been
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

3. Forth he came at Easter
like the risen grain
he that for three days
in the grave had lain
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

2. In the grave they laid him
Love by hatred slain
Thinking that he would
Never wake again
Laid in the earth
Like grain that sleeps unseen
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

4. When our hearts are wintry
grieving or in pain
your touch can call us
back to life again
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

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 power of the holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
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.**

The Peace Announcements

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob Cosgrove,
in loving memory of his mother, Elsie Cosgrove,
his grandmothers, Ester Zetterlund and Florence Cosgrove,
and his godmother, Edna Feeley.*

Coming up- Non-perishable food drive to support the pantry
of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Edith Stein.



As people of faith, it is critical your voice be heard in matters of justice for the Body of Christ. As you watch the news and wonder what to do in times of unrest due to horrific mistreatment, violence, and death of our black and brown siblings, we are called to take a stand.

For our Reconciling in Christ (RIC) partner, connect with your pastors, synod leaders, and local community to find out the ways you can provide care and support. As individuals, help show your support in the larger work happening for our BIPOC siblings through reparations for black leaders in the ELCA by [purchasing a shirt or sweatshirt](#) – all proceeds (so far \$2,500) going to the #66thSynod Endowment



Let's Celebrate Together

PRIDE season is quickly approaching! This year ReconcilingWorks is excited to offer a Virtual PRIDE for everyone. In mid-May we will be launching a webpage filled with weekly opportunities to engage with PRIDE events and support ReconcilingWorks. Amen to celebrating diversity! For more information about us visit

<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/aboutric/>

Prayers of the Church

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

(A brief moment of silence)

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 your weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace.

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your weeping into dancing.

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Bless you, now and forever..

Amen!

Sending Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God” 840 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

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1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices
who wondrous things has done in whom His world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today

2. Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
and keep us all in grace and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given
the Son and Spirit blest who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

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