

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

OPENING HYMN

CW #349

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Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est
 2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my
 5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of



plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long
 lest me, Can - not reach me here. Though the earth
 cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt
 plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love



in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,
 be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,
 not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me
 ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry
 the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,



Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O
 Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And
 While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards
 Told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss Or
 Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I



Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to
 thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -
 ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -
 shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior
 here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est



hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.
 sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.
 move me Since he deigns to love me.
 plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

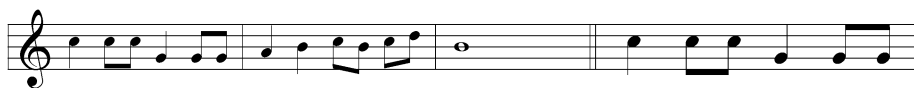
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:
 Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

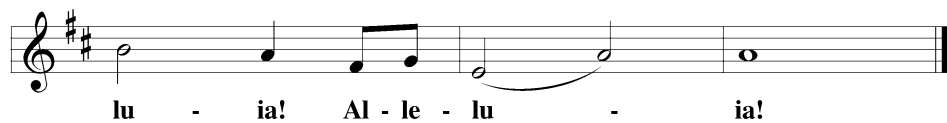
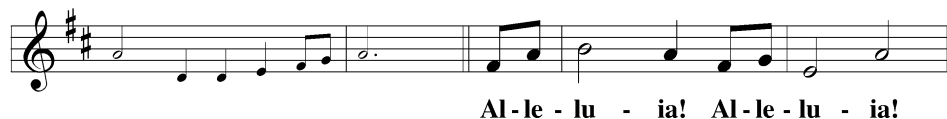
²²Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, 'To an unknown god.' Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'Indeed, we are also his offspring.'

in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.



THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

M: The Gospel according to John 14:15-21

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵"If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him."

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

382 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

SERMON

1 Peter 3:15-22

"AN EVERLASTING HOPE"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

DUET"

"In Christ Alone"

THE PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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476 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who
3 Oh, keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Do
4 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee



will I love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I
art my best and tru - est friend. Thee will I
not al - low my steps to stray. Up - hold me
will I love, my God and Lord, A - mid the



love with all my pow - er, With ar - dor time shall
love and praise for - ev - er, For nev - er shall thy
when my feet would stum - ble, And keep me on the
dark - est depths of sad - ness, And not for hope of



ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I love, O Light di -
kind - ness end. Thee will I love with all my
nar - row way. Fill all my na - ture with thy
high re - ward, For thine own sake, O Light di -



vine, So long as life is mine.
heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!
vine, So long as life is mine.

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