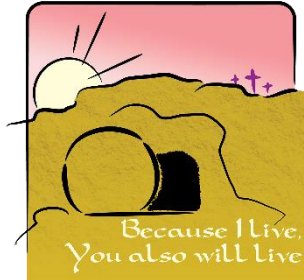


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ONLINE WORSHIP May 17, 2020



Another Helper

- 1) **Start the ONLINE VIDEO first**, and if you like
- 2) **OPEN today's bulletin** and follow along while listening/watching.

Today in Worship

- If you are reading this you've come to find us online in our new form of worship. One day soon we pray, we will gather again.
- Our prayers are with you during this time of global crisis. We worship today as people of hope and joy. Fear and worry need not, should not, dominate the Christian life because **we have hope and victory in Jesus Christ!**

AS WE GATHER

It would be a strange thing for God to send His Son to prepare the way of salvation for the world and then not give us a way to receive that salvation. "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). How does Jesus "bring us to God"? Peter says, "**Baptism . . . now saves you**" (1 Peter 3:21). Here is the most important way Jesus sends the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who works repentance and faith in the heart. Saving faith is not a product of our own effort, decision, or desire. It is always the gift of God, continually renewed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit working through God's Word and Sacraments. As our Easter celebration continues, we are drawn closer to our Lord, who remains close to us, as He said, "I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20).

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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| <p>1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in heav'n above adore Thee.
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.</p> | <p>2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising;
 Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising,
 Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord!</p> |
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved, Jesus said, "I will be with you always." Let us take Him at His word and come into His presence, sharing our great need of Him as we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

People: I confess to almighty God all my sins with which I have offended You, especially the sin of trying to go it alone without You. On my own, I am weak, and sin so easily makes me forget Your Word and will for my life. I have sinned in many ways by evil thoughts, words, and deeds. Because of Your merciful death on the cross and in the power of Your resurrection from the dead, let me hear from You the words of Your grace and forgiveness and new life. Amen.

Pastor: In keeping with His promise, the Lord sends another helper to deliver His own words of forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. By His grace, you are declared righteous and redeemed, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Epistle *1 Peter 3:13–22* (Be prepared to give a defense for the hope in you.)

Reader:¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵

People: But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Reader: **Always be prepared** to **give an answer** to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

People: ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Reader:¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

People: ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—

Reader: not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.

All: It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Thy Word is a Lamp

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path
 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
 And I think I've lost my way
 Still You're there right beside me
 Nothing will I fear
 As long as You are near
 Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path
 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path

Verse 2

I will not forget
 Your love for me and yet
 My heart forever is wandering
 Jesus be my guide
 And hold me to Your side
 I will love You to the end

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**Holy Gospel** *John 14:15–21* (Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ



THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

-Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies

before me

Let me be singing when the evening

comes

[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're
slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will

keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength
is failing

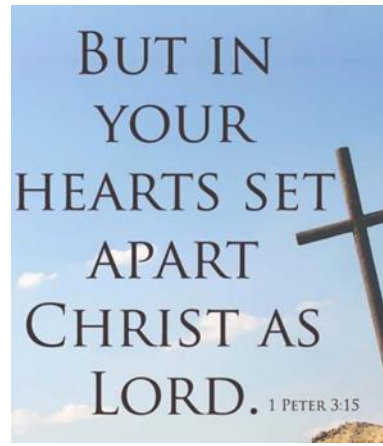
The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

[Chorus]

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn



Prayer of the Church – (you are welcome to say out loud the common response:
“Hear our prayer.”)

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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

BENEDICTION

**For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
 2 Timothy 1:7**

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son ✠, who has revealed to us God’s grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

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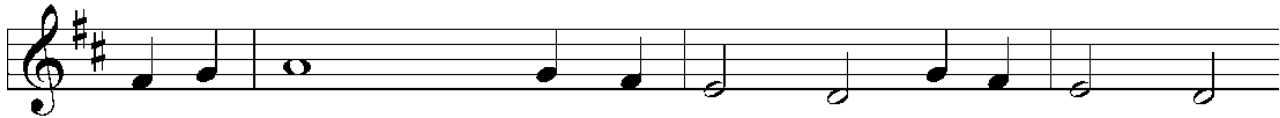
1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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- Be the Temple of God 
-  Be the Body of Christ
- Be the Light of the World 
-  Be the Bride of Christ

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