

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 17, 2020

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am via Facebook Live

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise our God – the Artist of creation, the Lord of heaven and earth.

**We worship our Maker with resounding praise!**

In God we live and move and have our being; it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

**God has kept us among the living and not let our feet slip.**

God formed all people to seek the Lord; indeed, our Creator is never far away.

**Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
change from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

**Congregation: May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” you said. And, in the same breath, you promised an Advocate would come to us. You, Lord, were faithful to your promise. But we— we have broken your law of love. We have hoarded resources, rather than feeding your sheep. We have stoked competition, rather than kneeling at others' feet. We have remained silent, rather than testifying to our belief. For not showing our love for you by loving one another, forgive us. Help us obey your commandments and keep us ever faithful to your Word by the power of your Spirit, who abides with and among us.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayer*

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 288)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 66

John 14: 15-21

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*If Ye Love Me*

Tallis

Shelby Wooldridge, solo

\*THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

\*HYMN 822

*When We Are Living*

SOMOS DEL SENOR

*When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

*Mid times of sorry and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

*Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY