
7th Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

Welcome!

For those worship from home via Livestream,

We invite you to prepare bread / crackers and wine / juice for communion.

For those worshipping with us in the Sanctuary:

Please wear masks and observe safe distancing from those not in your household. As you enter place your offering in the plates provided at the entry table. Wine/juice will be served in individual glasses and wafers in muffin cups.



† HOLY COMMUNION †
Gathering, 10:00 am

Please stand as you are able

Refrain - All

Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
 trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor
 depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
 from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Leader or All

1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead; though your
 bod-y shall die, in Christ you shall rise through the *refrain*
 Spir - it who brings you to life.

2 All who are led by the Spir-it shall live as
 chil - dren of God, and heirs with Christ Je - sus, God's a -
Refrain
 dopt - ed and cho - sen and loved.

3 All of the suf - f'ring we now must en - dure is

noth - ing to the glo - ry so soon to be re - vealed when cre -
Refrain

a - tion it - self is set free.

4 All of cre - a - tion a - waits the new birth, the

full - ness of re - demp - tion, through la - bor pains of love, and
Refrain

so we wait in pa - tience and hope.

5 Who can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ? Will

hard - ship or dis - tress, per - se - cu - tion or fam - ine, or

na - ked - ness or per - il or sword?
Refrain

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God,

C: you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

THE WORD

Reading

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

¹You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing? —if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

⁶Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” ⁷so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” ⁹For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

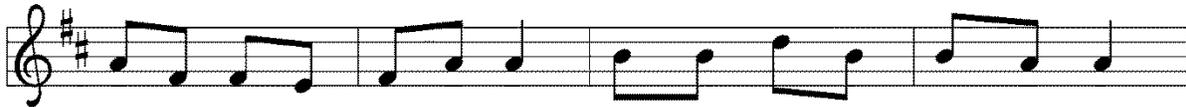
A: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

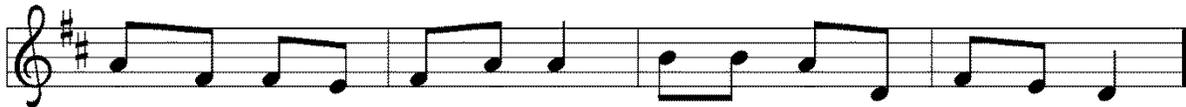
Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

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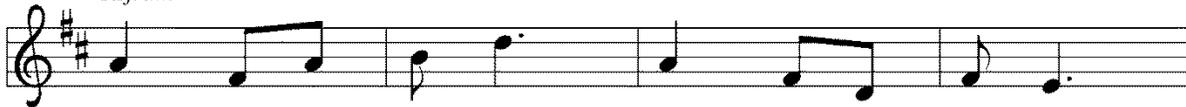


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Russell

Please stand as you are able

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way:
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
 to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Prayers of the People

A: 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 silence

A: Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need, especially those we name now, aloud and in our hearts.... Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else do the people of God pray?

*The congregation may add petitions at this time, concluding with
"Hear us, O God."*

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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.

C: Amen

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and the congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated

THE MEAL

Holy Communion is God's feast of life. In this meal, Jesus Christ gives his body and blood—that is, his real presence—in bread and wine for us, for the forgiveness of all our sins, so that we may be united with God and with one another as the community of the children of God.



- *All are welcome at Christ's table.*
- *If you are worshiping from home, please have ready a small piece of bread or cracker and wine or juice.*
- *The usher will direct you. Please maintain distance of 6 feet.*



Offertory Prayer

A: God of love,

C: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Assembly
Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

C: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Eucharistic Prayer continues

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

P: Come for all is prepared.

Please be seated

Distribution Music

Lamb of God

Assembly

Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; _____ have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; _____ have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; _____ grant us _____ peace. _____



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Prayer after Communion

A: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

Blessing

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

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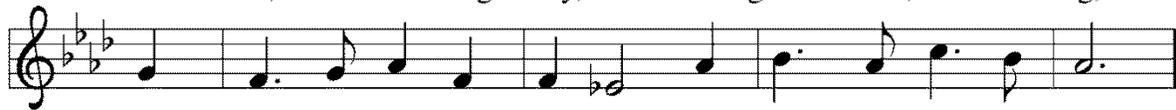
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

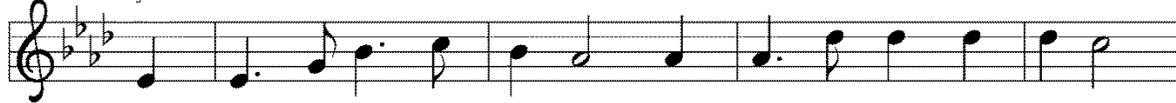


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

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