

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

The feast of Christ's resurrection. According to Bede, the word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre.

Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. 1) Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation.

Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief.

Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. In the west, Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox. Easter always falls between Mar. 22 and Apr. 25 inclusive. Following Jewish custom, the feast begins at sunset on Easter Eve with the Great Vigil of Easter. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Easter on the first Sunday after the Jewish pesach or Passover (which follows the spring full moon). Although the two dates sometimes coincide, the eastern date is often one or more weeks later. 2) Easter Season.

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OPENING SONG

When it Don't Come Easy

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

“The first commandment is this:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.”

OPENING PRAYER

Stir up within us, O God

A deep understanding of our adoption:

our belonging to you in Jesus

And our belonging to each other in the Spirit

May we occupy this space with sincerity,

Be transformed by the Truth of your Love

And raised up into new Life together.

Amen.

SONG OF MARY

“My soul magnifies your name, my God
and my spirit rejoices in you my Savior,
for You have looked with favor on your lowly servant:
and from this day all generations will call me Blessed.

You have done great things for me,
Holy is your name.

Mercy is for those who revere You
from generation to generation.

You have shown the strength of your arm:
Scattering the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

You have brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

You have filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your people:
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
according to the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

SONG

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

I heard the mourner say,
I heard the mourner say,
I heard the mourner say,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

READING

Acts 16:9-15

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids— blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take

your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- One* God is
All **One God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.**
- One* God is
All **Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.**
- One* God is
All **The Holy Spirit, at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ**
- One* With God's help
All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.**
- One* With God's help
All **We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.**
- One* With God's help
All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**
- One* With God's help

All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as
ourselves.**

One With God's help

All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being.**

PRAYERS

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
 Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Wayne our Bishop; and for all bishops and
other ministers.
For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
 Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
 Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal
kingdom.
 Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION

God of Grace

We do not always recognize our belovedness;

We do not always recognize the belovedness of our neighbor;

We know we harm our relationship with you

And our relationships with each other

With words said and unsaid

With deeds done and undone

We ask for your unreserved forgiveness.

We ask for your unconditional love.

Help us to forgive without reservation.

Help us to love without condition.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

ABSOLUTION

First we are loved, then we love. God loves you. God forgives you.

PEACE

SONG

Forever Reign

Verse 1

You are good You are good

When there's nothing good in me

You are love You are love

On display for all to see

You are light You are light

When the darkness closes in

You are hope You are hope

You have covered all my sin

Verse 2

You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
In You death has lost its sting

Chorus

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

Verse 3

You are more You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Bridge

My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus Jesus
(REPEAT)

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COMMUNION PRAYER

The congregations response is in bold

It is with all our hearts and all our minds

All

**We give thanks to you, Mother and Father of all creation
You make all things and call them good.**

Left side

**You love us into being,
You form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.**

Right Side

**When we turn away, when we ignore love
You remain steadfast. You are faithful to us.**

All

**You liberate us from captivity,
Freeing us to love your world more fully
You set before us the way of life.**

Left side

**Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your people birth into a living hope.**

Right Side

**Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and give us to each other**

All

**We who were no people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death into his Life.**

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my Body which is broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Left side

**On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.**

Right side

**On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.**

Left Side

**And so, remembering these your
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,**

Right Side

**We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.**

All

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord
our God.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ

that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, and
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
we are bold to say

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

How He Loves

Verse 1

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane
I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

Pre-Chorus

Oh how He loves us so
Oh how He loves us
How He loves us so
[Repeat]

Chorus

**(Yeah) He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves
[Repeat]**

Verse 2

**We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth
Like a sloppy wet (unforeseen) kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that [Chorus]**

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the rear of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

BLESSING

DISSMISSAL

**Save us so that we can love this world
Bless us so that we may be a blessing
Let us enter the city with God.
Amen**

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING

Birthdays in the next week: Kristin Kaltenstadler, Clark Comstock, Ron Staggs, Charles Gault, Jillian Bennett, Cecily Hankinson, Alan Manzler, Susan Hollister, Elizabeth Herndon, William Kemper, Allyn Raifstanger, Owen Mallon, Jeff Cline, Sarah Shirey, McKenna Johnson

Anniversaries in the next week: Peter & Jenn Bekins, Jon & Deb Mills, Darrin & Liz Ovelman, Jack & Lisa Roehr, Tim & Jennifer Strom

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in memory of Stan Kjelby (Karen's father) by Karen & Bob Schlanz and in celebration of the wedding of Gabrielle Brokamp and Santino Cua

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

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Preacher

Deacon

Scripture Reading and Prayers

Sacristan

Ushers

Bread Guild

Altar Guild

Flower Guild

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