
Traditional Worship Guide

Sixth Sunday of Easter ❖ May 14, 2023

WELCOME & BETHANY'S MISSION

- P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,
we seek to live our mission of:
- C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

OPENING SONG

- 8:15 Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" # **631**
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)
- 10:30 Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" Bell Choir

GREETING

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

☒ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. ☒ For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.
☒ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *(pastor)*

Almighty and ever living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BIBLE READING Acts 17: 22-31 Bible, pg. 1724

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(stand)*

☒ Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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HOLY GOSPEL John 14: 15-21 Bible, pg. 1676

- Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall for Confirmation

HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" # **392**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.

TEMPLE TALK

LITANY FOR MOTHERS AND WOMEN OF FAITH

- P: Blessing and honor to our God of love!
C: **Praise the Lord who gives the world women of faith.**
- P: We thank you, Lord, for Eve,
C: **the mother of all the living.**
- P: For Sarah, the mother of many peoples,
C: **who reminds us of the promises of God.**
- P: For Mary, the mother of your Son Jesus,
C: **who brought into this world our Savior.**
- P: For the women who came to the tomb on Easter,
C: **who were the first to proclaim the news of resurrection.**
- P: For godly women in this and every place—mothers, grandmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, daughters, teachers, friends,
C: **we give you thanks and praise!**
- P: Gracious God, we give you thanks for blessing us with mothers and all who offer motherly care. We praise you for sending us foster mothers, adopted aunts, mentors, leaders, child care workers, nursery attendants, and all women in this congregation who worship you and care for others and try to live faithfully. Let your name be glorified in their lives. Uphold them with your strength, guide them with your wisdom, and renew them in your grace. Let our birth families, our adoptive families, and our faith families receive your guidance, that we might love as Jesus loved us.
C: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:

- P: ...Lord in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: *"For All the Faithful Women"* # **419**
(tune 542)

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.

We praise your name for Miriam who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea.
As Israel marched to freedom, her chains of bondage gone,
so may we reach the kingdom your mighty arm has won.

To Hannah, praying childless before the throne of grace,
you gave a son whose service would be before your face.
Grant us her perseverance; Lord, teach us how to pray,
to trust in your deliv'rance when darkness hides our way.

We sing of Mary, mother, fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother, who came to save our race.
May we, with her, surrender ourselves to your command
and lay upon your altar our gifts of heart and hand.

We praise the other Mary who came at Easter dawn
and near the tomb did tarry, but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him in resurrection light,
may we by faith behold him, the day who ends all night.

All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit, who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,
we sing glad alleluias, and strive to do your will.

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DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

*The Children, Youth & Family Ministry Committee
has a gift for all women*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, 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 ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heav'n,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
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