

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ROGATION SUNDAY

welcome!

We are a community of believers seeking and sharing life in Christ through ancient-future faith. We consider it a great privilege to worship the Lord with you today. In fact, your presence today is a gift from God. Please let us know if we can do anything to help you feel at home.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for children age 2 and under in the nursery, located in the classroom on the right upon entering the lobby. Children age 3 through 5th grade will be dismissed to Godly Play after the Collect for Purity and will return prior to Communion.

WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

If you are new to our church or would like to share a prayer request with the church staff, please fill out a connect card located on the table as you walk in. Place it in the offering basket or give it to an usher.

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE PROCESSION

"Holy Holy Holy"

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VERSE 1

Holy holy holy

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy holy holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons

Blessed Trinity

VERSE 2

Holy holy holy

All the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns

Around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim

Falling down before Thee

Which wert and art

And evermore shalt be

VERSE 3

Holy holy holy

Though the darkness hide Thee

Though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy

There is none beside Thee

Perfect in power

In love and purity

VERSE 4

Holy holy holy

Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea

Holy holy holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons

Blessed Trinity

"See How He Loves Us"

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VERSE 1

King of heav'n robed in light

Sovereign of all angels adore Him

Came and set His crown aside

Emptied Himself leaving His glory

See how He loves us

VERSE 2

Son of Man robed in flesh

Bearing our grief knowing our weakness

Yet despised in our eyes

Pitied and poor living among us

See how He loves us

CHORUS 1

Jesus only Jesus

Humble and holy

Lord we adore You

Jesus only Jesus

Oh how marvelous

Oh how wonderful Your love

VERSE 3

Lamb of God crucified

Suffered alone dying He saved us

Laid within a sinner's grave

Ever He lives risen to raise us See how He loves us

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN (3 YEAR-OLDS THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

"Psalm 103"

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CHORUS 1

Bless the Lord

O my soul

And all that's within me praise Him

Bless the Lord

O my soul

And forget not all He's done

He forgives all your iniquities

And He heals all your infirmities

He redeems your life from the pit

And crowns you with mercy

As far as the east is from the west

So far have You taken our sins from us

And as high as the heavens are over the earth

So great is Your steadfast love toward us

Bless the Lord

O my soul

And all that's within me praise Him

Bless the Lord

O my soul

And forget not who He is

As father shows compassion

To his beloved children
So the Lord shows compassion to us
To those who fear Him

THE FIRST LESSON

Liturgist: A reading from Acts 11:19-30.

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians." ²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Liturgist: A reading from Psalm 33:1-8,18-22.

 $^{\mathbf{1}}$ $\,$ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. *

Praise befits the upright.

² Praise the LORD with the lyre; *

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

3 Sing to him a new song; *

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright, * and all his work is done in faithfulness.

- He loves righteousness and justice; * the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, * and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; * he put the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
 let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
- Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, * on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- to deliver their soul from death, *and to keep them alive in famine.
- Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and shield.
- Our heart is glad in him, *
 because we trust in his holy name.
- Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, * even as we hope in you.

THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: A reading from 1 John 4:7-21.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in

love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

"All Because Of Christ"

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CHORUS

Hallelujah Our hearts cannot contain
All the glory of the Name above all Names
Hallelujah Our praises lifted high
And its all because of Christ
And its all because of Christ

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading today is from John 15:9-17.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The People may add their own petitions

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can

desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We invite you to take advantage of several opportunities:

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; grape juice is available from our acolyte. Please place your empty cup in the trash receptacle near the offering basket as you return to your seat. We ask that households maintain social distance with one another when coming forward to receive the sacrament.

COMMUNION HYMN

"O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer"

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VERSE 1

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Greatest treasure of my longing soul My God like You there is no other True delight is found in You alone Your grace a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom My highest good and my unending need

VERSE 2

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Strong defender of my weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver And my shield against his hateful darts My song when enemies surround me My hope when tides of sorrow rise My joy when trials are abounding Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

VERSE 3

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer Gracious Savior of my ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died You rose the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer May all my days bring glory to Your Name

"Be Thou My Vision"

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VERSE 1

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me save that Thou art Thou my best thought by day or by night Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

VERSE 2

Be Thou my wisdom be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

VERSE 3

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance now and always Thou and Thou only be first in my heart High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

VERSE 4

High King of Heaven Thy victory won May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's sun Heart of my own heart whatever befall Still be my vision O ruler of all

THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand and sing.

"Doxology"

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INTRO:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE HYMN IN RECESSION

"King Of Love"

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VERSE 1

The King of Love my Shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever And He is mine forever

VERSE 2

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth

CHORUS 1

Never failing Ruler of my heart Everlasting Lover of my soul On the mountain high or in the valley low The King of Love my Shepherd is The King of Love my Shepherd is

VERSE 3

Lost and foolish off I strayed But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me

VERSE 4

In death's dark veil I fear no ill With Thee dear Lord beside me Thy rod and staff my comfort still Thy cross before to guide me

BRIDGE

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

VERSE 5

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

SENDING FORTH

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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MISSION TEAMS

Angel Wings

Prepares meals to those who are going through trying times such as an illness, a move, new baby, etc. Team leader: Carrie Setterberg

Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman

Seeks to serve Jesus Christ through ministering to those touched by possible crisis pregnancy. Team leaders: Andi Wheeler and Lori Nielson

Davidson College

Walks alongside Davidson College students through a variety of means, including outreach, Bible Studies, social gatherings, and pairing students with an "Adoptive" Good Shepherd Family. Team leader: Kenzie Brastow

Inheritance of Hope

Serves families who are facing the loss of a parent through illness. Team leader: Gina Roes

Loaves & Fishes

Collects toiletry donations for the local food pantry. Team leader: Lesley Lee

Refugee Support Services

Helps newly arrived refugees make Charlotte their new home. Team leader: Ruston Dickens

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Wycliffe Bible Translators

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