

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 5, 2024

### As We Gather

The hymn text “Abide with Me,” by English clergyman Henry Lyte, has a history that assists in making the words of hope and comfort in the text memorable. Yet, in reflecting on the true importance of the hymn, it is not the circumstances surrounding why it was written that gives it beauty but the words themselves that the author wrote. In timeless poetry, Lyte underscores the meaning of God’s presence in the life of the Christian as he writes: “I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless” (LSB 878:5). Our Lord abides with us not only at eventide, but at all times and in all places. Here and now let us bring to this caring God our thanks and praise!

*At Redemption, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in the confession that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. This also strengthens our union with him and with one another. We invite to His table those who trust his words and repent of all sin. Any who hold a confession differing from this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to speak with Pastor Josh or an Elder (1 Cor. 11:17-24).*

### Prelude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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### Ringing of the Bell and Welcome

#### Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#549 v. 1-3

1

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

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And crown Him Lord of all.

2

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,

Who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod

And crown Him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod

And crown Him Lord of all.

3

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all.

### Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our Help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### Word of Forgiveness

#### Salutation and Collect

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another that we may abide in Your grace and may bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### First Reading

*Acts 10:34–48*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Epistle Reading

*1 John 5:1–8*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Holy Gospel Reading

*John 15:9–17*

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

#### Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#975

**1**  
Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

**3**  
We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

**5**  
From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

**2**  
Before our Father’s throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

**4**  
When here our pathways part,  
We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,  
We hope to meet again.

## Sermon

### Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

### Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

*(After Each Petition)*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### 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 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 forever and ever. Amen.

## Preface

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Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

**People: It is meet and right to do so.**

### Proper Preface

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Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your grace in all our days. Assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

### Pax Domini

“The Peace of the Lord”

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

**People: Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

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**People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## Distribution

### "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

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#### Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
The bread of life to eat.

2

With joyful lips we sing to You  
Our praise and gratitude  
That You should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**

4

The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

1

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

#### Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

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**People: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.**

#### Post Communion Thanksgiving

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Pastor: Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, once again You have welcomed us at Your Table of grace. Grant that this Sacrament that we have now received may strengthen us so that we may

1

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

3

Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

5

You give Yourself to us, O Lord;  
Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in Your name  
In truth and charity. **Refrain**

2

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6

Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

abide in loving service day by day. As we have shared in the blessings of Your Table, grant that we live each day as Your people who see people around us as You see them and love them as You love them. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

#### Benediction

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✕ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

#### Closing Hymn

" Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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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.

3

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.

#### Sending

Pastor: Sent forth by God's blessing and as His people we go to glorify Him and be His hands and feet in His broken world.

**People: We nurture followers of Jesus, to share His Love as a source of Healing and Refuge for all.**

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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