

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Pick up your communion wafer/cup as you drive past or enter the sanctuary. There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. For those worshiping at home, please have your bread ready with the fruit-of-the-vine of your choice.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON IN OUR SANCUARY - SOFT-SPOKEN RESPONSES ARE APPROPRIATE.



GATHERING

Love Divine All Loves Excelling **ELW 631**

Pastor James M. Capers

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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

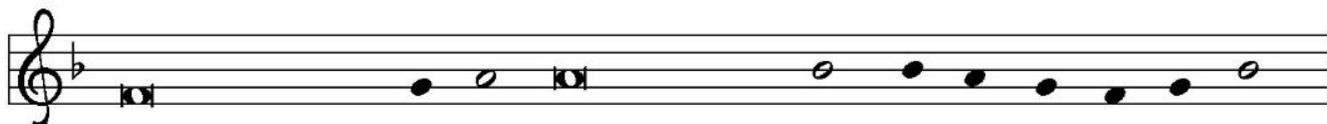
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



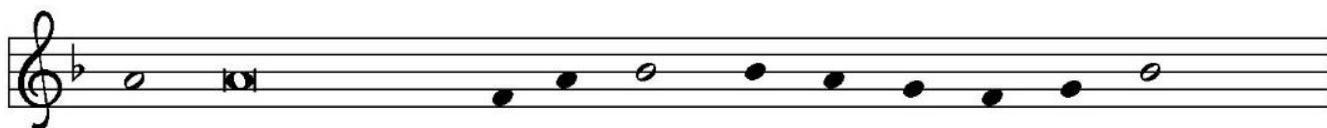
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



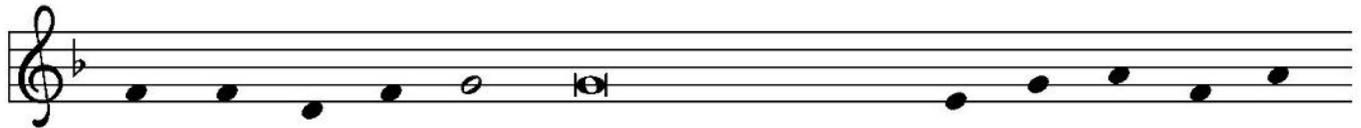
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



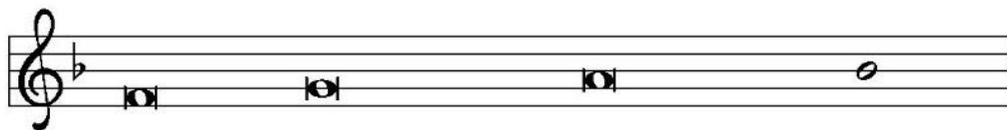
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



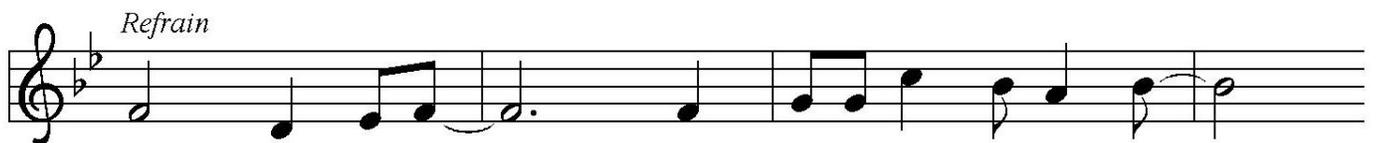
A - men.

This is the Feast

LeeAra Watson, Kiesi Bouger and Pastor James M. Capers

Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers

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Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



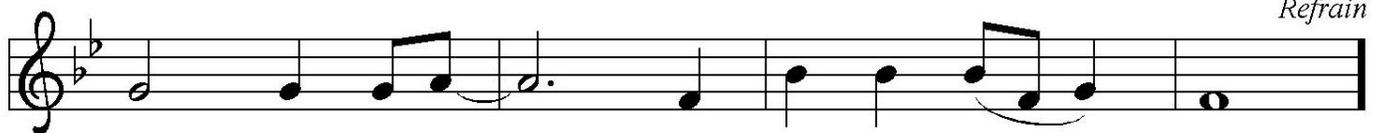
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



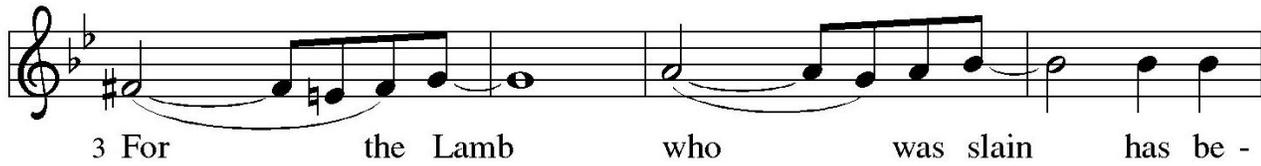
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



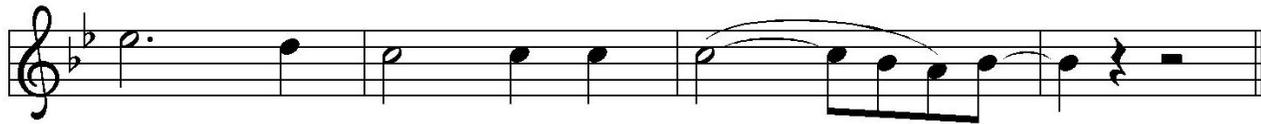
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



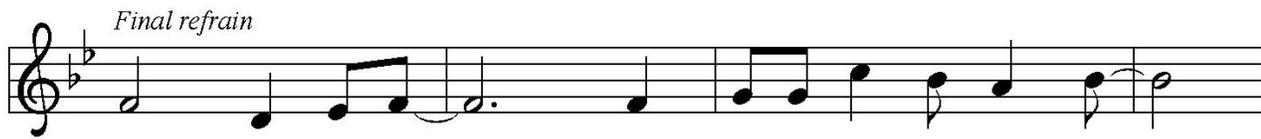
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

A Please join me in reading responsively from Psalm 98.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

All ²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the
nations.**

A ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

A ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

All ⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

A ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

All ⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who
comes to judge the earth.**

A ⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

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SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 173

Pastor James Capers and LeeAra Watson, and Kiesi Bouger

The Paschal lamb has been |sacrificed; Therefore let us | keep the feast
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

P The holy gospel according to John. The 15th Chapter

All Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

SONG *Prayer Is the Key to Heaven*

LeeAra Watson and Pastor James M. Capers

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SERMON **Pastor James M. Capers**

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P 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.

Responses after each petition:

Hear us, O God.

All 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.

All Amen.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A As you entered the parking lot you were given an opportunity to give to the Lord through the church. Those who worship in the sanctuary have given to the Lord as you entered.

So, Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

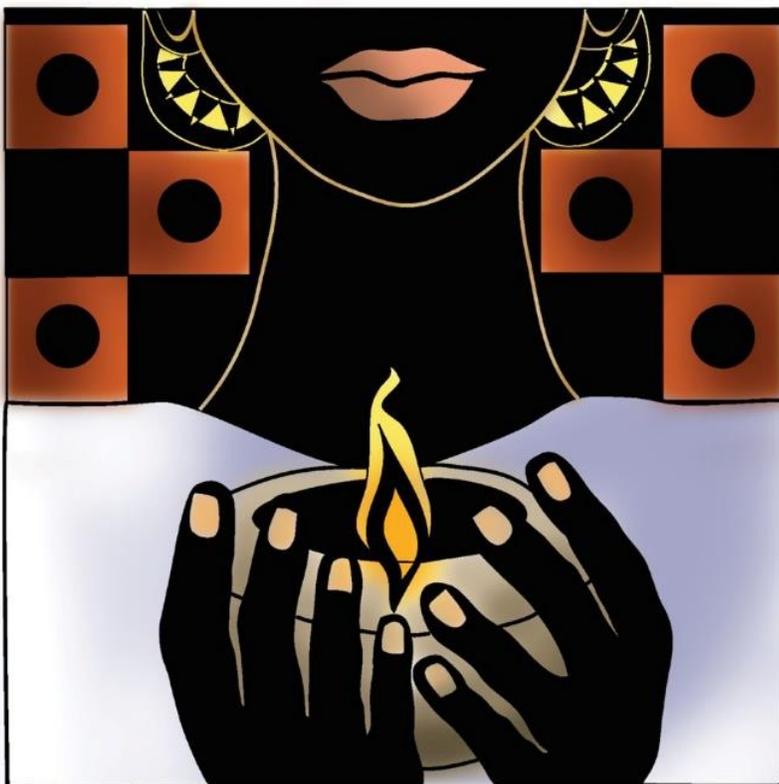
All Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE 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**



LAMB OF GOD

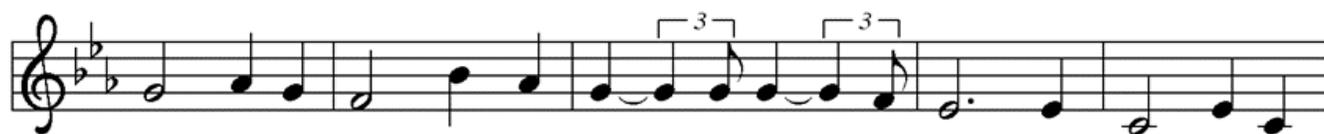
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Thankful Hearts* ELW 205

LeeAra Watson and Pastor Capers

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Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

April 18, 2021

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