

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

May 25th, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We Can't Wait

AS WE GATHER

It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

In the meantime, there's no time to lose. "Ask," Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). You see, even now He is with us. What would you like to ask Him?

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 21:9–10, 23; John 16:24*

P: Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.

C: **He showed me the holy city Jerusalem.**

P: The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,

C: **for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.**

P: Ask, and you will receive,

C: **that your joy may be full.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 16:33*

P: Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

C: **At times, O Lord, it feels like You have left us and gone into heaven, leaving us to fend for ourselves. We confess that we fail to remember Your word of promise about Your presence with us and Your love for us. We fear what might happen, and we regularly face our own desires and temptations. We forget that You "have**

overcome the world.” Forgive us and renew in us strong faith in Your presence and protection.

P: God has not left us alone. Christ is with us, and He has broken every barrier between us and the promised Jerusalem awaiting us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

SUFFRAGES

Psalm 88:13; 51:12; 71:8; 145:2; 65:5; 103:1, 4; 102:1

P: I cry to You, O Lord;

C: **in the morning my prayer comes before You.**

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C: **and with Your glory all the day.**

P: Every day I will bless You

C: **and praise Your name forever and ever.**

P: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

C: **O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P: He redeems your life from the pit

C: **and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: **let my cry come to You.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus has returned to You, but He promised us to live with Him in the new Jerusalem.

C: **Grant us, by Your Spirit, steadfastness of faith, so that we never doubt but will live each day in joyful expectation of seeing Him again;**

P: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Oh, What Their Joy

LSB 675 St. 1-2

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Oh, What Their Joy

LSB 675 St. 3-4

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Love How Deep

LSB 544

SERMON THEME

"One in One"

TEXT

John 17:20-26

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for all people, for the church, and for ourselves.

HYMN

In Holy Conversation

LSB 772 St. 1

P: Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we ask this in Jesus' name: Visit and relieve those many people who are denied what they need in food, clothing, or shelter. Grant relief to those languishing because of injustice or oppression. Surround the poor, sick, and dying with people to care for their various needs. Open doors of opportunity for faith-filled brothers and sisters in Christ that they may care for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of people around them with Your protection and guidance.

C: Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.

HYMN

In Holy Conversation

LSB 772 St. 2

P: Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we are as children, only asking for what You deem best. Listen to our deep longings, our unspoken yearning,

and the circumstances of our own lives. In Your mercy and love, assure us of Your presence despite whatever ills we might have. Be with those near and dear to us who call out for healing, strength, and comfort. Assure them of Your presence even now.

C: Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.

HYMN

In Holy Conversation

LSB 772 St. 3

P: We give thanks, heavenly Father, for the faith Your Holy Spirit has placed within us. We know the promise of heaven and long for the new Jerusalem. We, like John, look forward to that new Jerusalem, and like Lydia, have heard the Good News of our Savior and rejoice. We are confident that Your ears are open to our requests for ourselves, our circle of friends and family, and all the faithful who gather with us. Answer our prayers as fits Your plans for us, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

C: Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.

P: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE