

# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 8 & 9, 2021

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

## PRELUDE

Variations on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" M. Burkhardt & A. Travis

## WELCOME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

## OPENING HYMN

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.*
  
- 2 *Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.*

3        *Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
          Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
          Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
          Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
          Seal it for Thy courts above.*

4        *Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
          I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
          How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
          Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
          Me to realms of endless day.*

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

478 The Day of Resurrection (sung by soloist)

3 *Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has no end!*

4 *All praise to God the Father,  
All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory  
Ascribe to God alone!*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Risen Lord, 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 and to go out into the world to 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.**

✘ WORD ✘

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48

*(People from every nation are accepted by God.)*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen--by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;**

Leader: make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

People: **with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-- shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

Leader: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

People: **Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

Leader: let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

People: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

## EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-8

*(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)*

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.  
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<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"Show Us Christ"

B. Kauflin & D. Plank

*Prepare our hearts O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
'Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth*

Refrain:

*Show us Christ show us Christ  
O God reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

*Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today (Refrain)*



*Where else can we go Lord*

*Where else can we go*

*You have the words of eternal life*

*"Show Us Christ" CCLI Song # 6169253 Bob Kauflin | Doug Plank*

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**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:9–17

*(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)*

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, 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.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Sermon notes:

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**HYMN**

**700** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (sung by all)

- 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, O 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.
  
- 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.

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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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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Leader:**        Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+ + + Special Intercessions + + +**

**Each concluding:**    **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy,    **People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:**        Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:**        **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Leader:**       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.

**People:**       **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

490    Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won (sung by all)

- 1       **Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!**  
          **Death no longer can appall me;**  
**Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!**  
          **From the grave will Christ recall me.**  
**Brighter scenes will then commence;**  
**This shall be my confidence.**
  
- 2       **Jesus lives! To Him the throne**  
          **High above all things is given.**  
**I shall go where He is gone,**  
          **Live and reign with Him in heaven.**  
**God is faithful; doubtings, hence!**  
**This shall be my confidence.**
  
- 3       **Jesus lives! For me He died,**  
          **Hence will I, to Jesus living,**  
**Pure in heart and act abide,**  
          **Praise to Him and glory giving.**  
**All I need God will dispense;**  
**This shall be my confidence.**

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4       **Jesus lives! I know full well**  
          **Nothing me from Him shall sever.**  
          **Neither death nor pow'rs of hell**  
          **Part me now from Christ forever.**  
          **God will be my sure defense;**  
          **This shall be my confidence.**

5       **Jesus lives! And now is death**  
          **But the gate of life immortal;**  
          **This shall calm my trembling breath**  
          **When I pass its gloomy portal.**  
          **Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:**  
          **Jesus is my confidence!**

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## **POSTLUDE**

*"Festival Toccata in C Major"*

Percy E. Fletcher

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Acts 1:12-26; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

Find a devotional guide on the readings at [www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether](http://www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether)

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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Jake Bellinghausen
Singers:	5:00 p.m.	Nate Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
	11:00 a.m.	Allison Meyer Meagan Purcell
Choir:	11:00 a.m.	Children's Handbells
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the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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