



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
6th Sunday in Easter Worship
May 22, 2022 9:30am

I have told you
these things so that
in Me you may
HAVE PEACE

In this world you will have
MANY TRIALS & SORROWS,
but take heart!

I have Overcome
the World!

JOHN 16:33

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ's body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Jesus does not leave His faithful people comfortless when He departs from them. As the Easter season continues, the promises of Jesus become sources of affirmation and hope for the disciples. Jesus is in charge of all facets of earthly life and has decided how best to continue His mission on earth. His plan is direct and positive, although sometimes our comprehension of what He has in mind is incomplete. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speaking plainly to the disciples and to us. His exclamation "I have overcome the world" is a source of limitless hope for us.

Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship – "Awake My Soul"

1. There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear praises He hears faith

2. There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear worship He hears faith

***CHORUS: Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud
Oh awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud***

3. There is a sound that changes things
The sound of His people on their knees
Oh wake up you slumbering
It's time to worship Him

BRIDGE: And when He moves and when we pray
Where stood a wall now stands a way
Where every promise is amen
And when He moves make no mistake
The bowels of hell begin to shake
All hail the Lord all hail the King

BRIDGE: *Oh let the King of glory enter in
Fall down on your knees and worship Him
Let His praise rise up don't hold it in*

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Welcome

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 36:7–10

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
C **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

P They feast on the abundance of Your house,
C **and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

P For with You is the fountain of life;
C **in Your light do we see light.**

P Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,
C **and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Confession and Absolution

- P** O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not always said “Thy will be done” in our hearts when we have been faced with decisions in our lives.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting that indeed we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless—advocates of those not yet born and those in the final stages of life.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agenda for our lives and actions.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**
- P** Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God’s redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God’s promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.
- C** **Amen.**

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

***CHORUS: (So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me***

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along ***CHORUS***

FINAL CHORUS: Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son spoke directly and lovingly with His disciples and gave them the knowledge of everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, and guide us in that way which leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 16:9–15

⁹ A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 67

All - May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

I - that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

II - Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

All - Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- on earth.

I - Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

II - The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

All - God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Second Reading

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Gradual

adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

G Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

Holy Gospel *John 16:23–33*

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – "Hearing, Learning, Knowing, and Believing"

"I Am Not Alone" sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann

1. When I walk through deep waters
I know that You will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire
I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow
I will not fear

2. In the midst of deep sorrow
I see Your light is breaking through
The dark of night will not overtake me
I am pressing into You
Lord You fight my ev'ry battle
And I will not fear

***I am not alone
I am not alone
You will go before me
You will never leave me***

BRIDGE: You amaze me redeem me
You call me as Your own
You amaze me redeem me
You call me as Your own
(REPEAT)

You're my strength You're my defender
You're my refuge in the storm
Through these trials You've always been faithful
You bring healing to my soul

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Prayer of the Church

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and promised to hear us.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name –

MEN – God our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Thy Kingdom come –

WOMEN – May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven –

MEN – Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times, Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us this day our daily bread –

WOMEN – Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us –

MEN – Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P And lead us not into temptation –

WOMEN – Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P But deliver us from evil –

C **O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Lift Up Your Hearts

P The Lord be with you **C** And also with you

P The Lord be with you **C** And also with you

P Lift up your hearts

All Sing

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks

To the Lord our God

It is right to give Him

Thanks and praise

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The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ~~†~~ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~†~~ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Communion

As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

***CHORUS: You alone
are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee***

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything ***CHORUS***

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“Give Me Jesus”

1. In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

CHORUS: Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
(But give me Jesus)

2. And when I am alone
Oh and when I am alone
And when I am alone
Give me Jesus **CHORUS**

3. And when I come to die
Oh and when I come to die
And when I come to die
Give me Jesus **CHORUS**

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Closing Prayer

The Offering DURING THE OFFERING: Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

“The Power of Your Love”

1. Lord I come to You
Let my life be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be swept away by the power of Your love.

***CHORUS: Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on by the power of Your love.***

2. Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day by the power of Your love. ***CHORUS***

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Benediction

P Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no person evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C **Amen.**

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