

...we will come to them and make our home with them.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church May 22, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Ralph Vaughan Williams was a prolific and versatile English composer whose music was influenced by English Tudor choral music, folk songs that he researched and transcribed, and French impressionism. He studied with Hubert Parry, Charles Villiers Stanford, and Maurice Ravel, for whom he was one of the few students that Ravel had accepted. Vaughan Williams's mother was the niece of Charles Darwin. Apparently there was a moment, when the composer was a young child, when he asked his mother about some of his great uncle's research. His mother replied that the Bible indicated that the world was made in six days but according to his great uncle, it took longer than that, and that Ralph should not worry about it because it was all good (to use a phrase from our time). After having studied at the Royal College of Music, Vaughan Williams later joined the faculty at this most esteemed institution. He composed symphonies, ballets, chamber music, and both sacred and secular choral works. He also contributed several organ solo pieces to the instrument's literature. He had instrumental training in piano, violin, and organ. The work in the position of prologue today is on the famous tune that is featured in today's gathering hymn.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

*KYRIE Setting Three

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A reading from Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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¹May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us; may the light of God's face ¹ shine upon us. ²Let your way be known ¹ upon earth, your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations. ³Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God; let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ¹ tions on earth. REFRAIN

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷May God ¹ give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I 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 is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The acclamation is sung. After the cantor sings the gospel verse for the day, the assembly repeats the Acclamation.



John 14:23 Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa- I ther will love them,* and we will come to them and make our I home with them.

*GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The Holy Gospel According to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

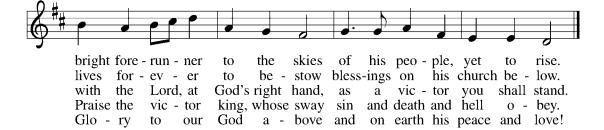
²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor Stephen Springer

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! ELW #380 *HYMN OF THE DAY Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One; Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh? Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you; Je - sus lives! Let re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of earth. Hal-le - lu - jah! Join with us An - gels, sing! in hymns of praise. death Christ, the con-quer-or, from the gloom-y halls of has gone, Christ who died lives our broth-er our broth - er here still on high, joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall too: Praise him in no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly a birth. strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise: vour cho - rus swell the



Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy," and the assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

After the final petition, the presiding minister concludes the prayers: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After the assembly and the presiding minster exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate in the church foyer before or after worship.)

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OFFERTORY Alleluia Bell Choir

Shall We Gather at the River Arr. Ron Mallory (b.1973)

Shall We Gather at the River is a much-loved hymn written by poet and composer Robert Lowry in the nineteenth century. Inspired by images in our second reading today from Revelation, the text depicts all the saints gathered around a river that flows by the throne of God. (See ELW 423.) The hymn has been arranged by numerous composers, including Charles Ives and Aaron Copland. Ron Mallory's arrangement for handbell choir begins by musically depicting the heavenly realm with an ethereal sound effect. The piece builds in intensity, culminating with a triumphal statement of the melody in grand style.

*OFFERING PRAYER

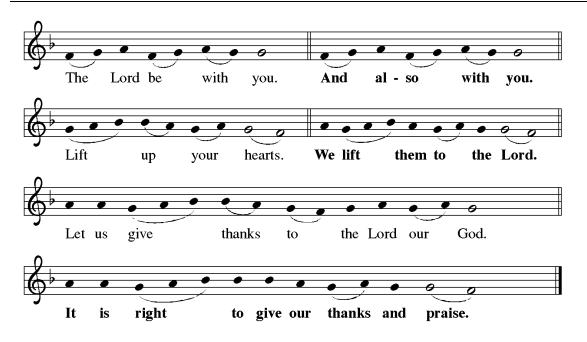
Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*DIALOGUE Setting Three

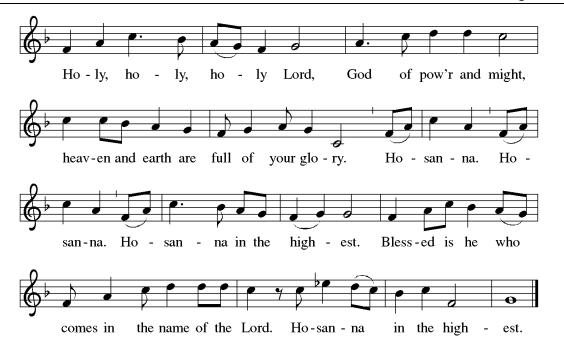


*PREFACE (Easter)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Prayer Seven

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



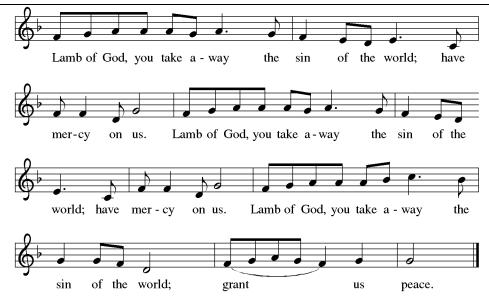
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Setting Three



*INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. The gifts of God for the people of God.

The assembly sits.

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Deep River Arr. Robert Groth (1922-2012)

On this last Sunday before their summer break, the Alleluia Bell Choir again takes its cue from today's reading from Revelation with its river imagery, and presents a simple setting of a beloved African-American spiritual. The anonymous lyrics speak to crossing over from something old to something new, whether the Israelites crossing the Jordan River into the promised land, African-American slaves into freedom, or the Christian believer into eternal life.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel-feast? That Promised Land, where all is peace?

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

COMMISSION

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and \oplus give you peace.

Amen.



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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

Wayne L. Wold is Director of Music Ministry at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Maryland and a faculty member at Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, Virginia. He also serves as College Organist and instructor of organ, harpsichord, and composition at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, where he had been Professor of Music and Chair of the Music Department and where his time of service there extended to thirty years. He has been a prolific composer of choral anthems and organ music and has had many publications; he is closely associated with the Augsburg Fortress publishing house. The work in the position of epilogue today is on the same hymn tune (with the same text material as inspiration) as the sending hymn this morning.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Kathy Gabhart, assisting minister Todd Scholer, lector Eric Holtan, cantor Pamela Decker, organist Join our email prayer chain by going to doveofpeacetucson.org/emails





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Seeking Worship Volunteers and Leaders

a time to revitalize May-June 2022

We are seeking individuals to join the team of volunteers that are essential to our worship service. We are seeking altar guild members, ushers, greeters, lectors, acolytes, communion servers, and assisting ministers. Training is provided.

Note that we now have two separate roles: "greeter" who welcomes people to worship; and "communion server" who distributes wine or bread. In the past these were both required of the same individual on the same Sunday. A "greeter" can be someone with mobility challenges, so long as they have a big smile and a warm welcome. A "communion server" needs to be able to move around the altar area carrying a chalice of wine.

Call 520-887-5127 or sign up online: www.doveofpeacetucson.org/worshipleaders/

May is military appreciation and remembrance month!

A message from Onita Davis

Members of The American Legion Auxiliary Oro Valley Unit 132 have been helping the community to remember our veterans by distributing the remembrance poppy to the public for over 10 years. As we adjust to life with the shadow of the pandemic still with us, we are asking you to remember, honor, and support Military Appreciation and Remembrance Month by wearing a red poppy on Memorial Day, May 30. We are blessed to have this opportunity to reflect on the freedoms that have been purchased by the blood of others and to thank God for the blessings he has bestowed on our nation!

All poppy donations are appreciated but not required and go 100% to provide for the care and assistance of local veterans and members of our National Guard who are in need. Poppies will be available before each service on Sunday, May 30. We hope you will consider donating, and wearing your poppy on Memorial Day!



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