

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter—May 22, 2022—8:30am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Praise & Worship**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

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“Oh Spirit, Guide Me”

Oh, Spirit guide me now. Oh, Spirit guide me now.  
Oh, Spirit guide me now. In your way, guide me.

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“Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord let me lift up those  
who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant  
today.

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**+ Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Heart of Worship”

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come.  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your  
heart.

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You  
have required. You search much deeper within through the way  
things appear; You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,  
all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You  
deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry  
single breath.

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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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.**

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**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When 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.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and 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. <sup>13</sup>On 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. <sup>14</sup>A 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. <sup>15</sup>When 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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**Second Reading**

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>10</sup>And 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.

<sup>21</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But 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.

<sup>22:1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup>through 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. <sup>3</sup>Nothing 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; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

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**+ Gospel Reading**

John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever 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. <sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But 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. <sup>27</sup>Peace 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. <sup>28</sup>You 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. <sup>29</sup>And 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.**

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

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**+ Song of the Day**

“Shine On Us”

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.  
Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us  
That we may be saved, That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.  
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us  
That we may be saved, That we may have life.  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let your grace fall on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.  
Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us  
That we may be saved, That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night.  
Let your love come over us.  
Let your light shine on us.

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.**

\* universal



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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

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Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

**Refrain: Where true charity and love abide,  
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.**

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace.

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things.

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority.

**Refrain**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace, especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**Refrain**

**+ Peace**

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**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

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*[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611).*

*Checks can be also be sent to church:  
521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325*



**+ Offering Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.  
Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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### + Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

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**+ Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**+ Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

***Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace***

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

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**Communion Song**

“'Round the Table”

Come together 'round the table. Come and taste the wonder,  
A healing touch and a deep connection from the living center  
of it all.

Seeking meaning on the run you try and save the day.  
But all is ready will you come? Love invites the way.

Bring a friend or enemy or one you hold or blame.  
With each other we are one, here in Jesus' name.

Hear creation groan for life. Will hate and hunger cease?  
In the roar of violence the world cries for peace.

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**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**+ Blessing**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

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### + Sending Song

“That’s Why We Praise Him”

He came to live, live a perfect life; He came to be the living word, our light. He came to die so we'd be reconciled: He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing; That's why we offer Him our ev'rything. That's why we bow down and worship this King, 'cause He gave His ev'rything.

He came to live, live again in us; He came to be our conquering King and friend. He came to heal and show the lost ones His love; He came to go prepare a place for us. Yeah yeah He gave His ev'rything

Halle-, hallelujah. Halle-, hallelujah. Halle-, hallelujah. Halle-, hallelujah. 'Cause He gave His ev'rything

Text: Tommy Walker

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### + Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

### Postlude

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