

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5, 2024—10am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

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

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.*

**Prelude**

“In Christ There Is No East or West” arr. Gilbert Martin

**+ Easter Acclamation**

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

**+ Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**+ Gathering Song**

ELW #880

**+ Greeting**

ELW p.147

- + Kyrie ELW p.147
- + Cantic of Praise ELW p.149
- + Prayer of the Day ELW p.34

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

- First Reading** Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98** ELW #98
- Second Reading** 1 John 5:1-6
- + **Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.151
- + **Gospel Reading** John 15:9-17
- Young at Heart Message & Sermon** The Rev. Jim Cobb
- + **Song of the Day** ELW #804
- + **Nicene Creed** ELW p.104
- + **Prayers of Intercession** God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- + **Peace**

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

**Offering**  
 Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!  
 Electronic donations can be made at  
<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



- + **Offering Prayer**
- + **Great Thanksgiving** ELW p. 152
- + **Proper Preface**

+ Sanctus	ELW p. 153
+ Thanksgiving at the Table (IV)	ELW p.111
+ Lord's Prayer (sins)	ELW p.154
+ Invitation to Communion	
Agnus Dei	ELW p.154

**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.*

**Distribution Song**

“Death in His Grave”

Although the earth cried out for blood, satisfied her hunger was,  
billows calmed on raging seas for the souls of men she craved.  
Sun and moon from balcony turned their head in disbelief.  
Precious Love would taste the sting, disfigured and disdained.

**Refrain:** On Friday a thief, on Sunday a King. Laid down in grief, but  
woke with the keys of hell on that day, first born of the slain.  
The Man, Jesus Christ laid death in His grave.  
Oh, oh, oh, oh. (x2)

So three days in darkness slept, the Morning Son of righteousness,  
but rose to shame the throes of death and overturn His rule.  
Now daughters and the sons of men would pay not their dues again.  
The debt of blood they owed was rent when the day He rolled anew.

He has cheated hell and seated us above the fall.  
In desperate places, He paid our wages one time, once and for all.

**+ Table Blessing**

**+ Post Communion Canticle**

ELW #207

**+ Prayer after Communion**

**+ Sending +**

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

**+ Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“Joyful, Joyful”

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.

Joyful, joyful, we adore You! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You!  
Joyful, joyful, we adore You, joyful, we adore You!

All Your works with joy surround You; Earth and heav'n reflect Your ways.  
Stars and angels sing around You, center of unbroken praise.

God our Father, Christ our Brother; All who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

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**+ Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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