



Acts 17:22-31, May 10th

Sunday, May 10, 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Service Theme
HE LIVES TO CALL ME TO LIVE FOR HIM

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, we would live caring only for ourselves like everyone else in the world. But he lives, and it makes a difference. Not only does he take care of our basic needs, but he also promises to do more for us than we can imagine. He puts people into our lives so we can help them both physically and spiritually by pointing them to Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we no longer live for ourselves. We live for Him.



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557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice CW 557 sts. 1-4



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
me re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair left
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

The Service
Morning Prayer (page 207)



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



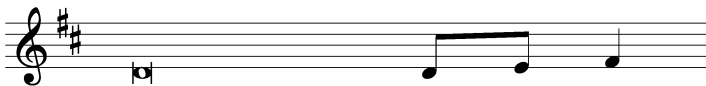
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



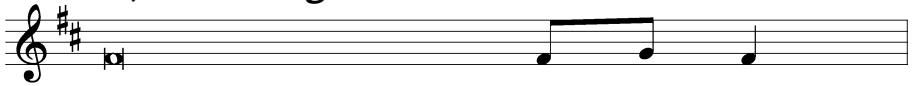
Easter Christ is risen from the dead:



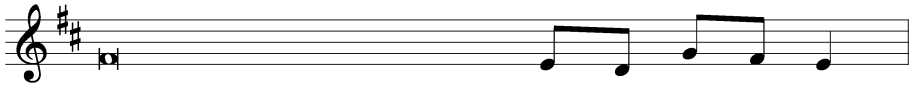
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

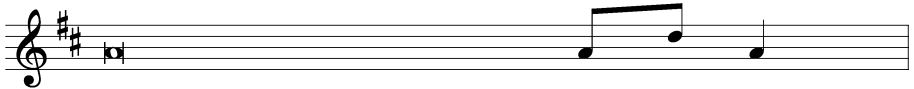
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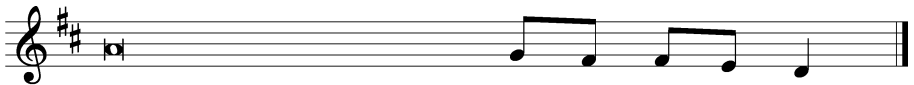
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow _____ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his _____ hand.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 17:22–31

God has determined exactly where and when we would live so that we can repent and believe the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

²²Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore, since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

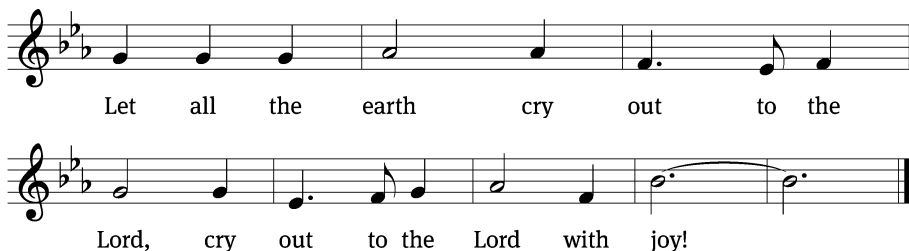
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

66A Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord

Psalm 66A

Refrain




Let all the earth cry out to the
Lord, cry out to the Lord with joy!

Verses



1 Sing to the Lord, all you on earth, sing praise to the
2 Let the whole world wor - ship and sing, ac - claim - ing his



Refrain
gran - deur of God; pro - claim his glo - ri - ous name!
won - der - ful deeds; the might of God is at hand!

Verse



3 Lis - ten now, all you who trust in the Lord,
our God has done great things for us,
Refrain
an - swered our prayers with his kind - ness.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

St. Peter teaches that baptism saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. ¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.

¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice CW 557 sts. 5–6



5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -
6 The Son o - beyed his Fa - ther's will, was born of vir - gin



pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to
moth - er, and, God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, he came to



all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; slay
be my broth - er. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a



bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."
ser - vant's form like mine he bore to lead the dev - il cap - tive.

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Gospel

John 14:15–21

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to lead us in faith.

¹⁵"If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice CW 557 sts. 7-10



7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and
8 "The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life be -
9 "Now to my Fa - ther I de - part, the Ho - ly Spir - it
10 "What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and



cas - tle. Your ran - som I my - self will be; for you I
reav - ing; all this I suf - fer for your good; be stead - fast
send - ing and, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, my help to
teach - ing; so shall my king - dom's work be wrought and hon - ored



strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, your friend di - vine, and
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; my
you ex - tend - ing. He will a source of com - fort be, teach
in your preach - ing. Take care that no one's man - made laws should



ev - er - more you shall be mine; the foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, and you are blest for - ev - er.
you to know and fol - low me, and in all truth will guide you.
e'er de - stroy the gos - pel's cause; this fi - nal word I leave you."

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Sermon

Acts 17:22-31

The truth about. . .

- 1) God.
- 2) Humanity
- 3) Jesus

956 Holy Is Your Name

CW 956



1 My _____ soul is filled with joy as I
 2 I am low - ly as a child, but I
 3 I pro - claim your pow'r, O God! You work
 4 To the hun - gry you give food, send the
 5 In your love you now ful - fill all you



sing to God, my Sav - ior. You have looked up - on your
 know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -
 won - ders for your ser - vants; you have scat - tered the proud -
 rich a - way with noth - ing. In your mer - cy you are
 prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, God, my



ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.
 mem - bered, and the world will call me bless - ed.
 heart - ed, you have lift - ed up the low - ly.
 mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.
 Sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

Refrain



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -



a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the



peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

Prayer for Mother's Day

Eternal God, in the beauty of Eden you created a man and a woman and brought them together in marriage. You enabled them to be fruitful and increase in number and so you established the family. Help us to see in your creating wisdom your love for parents and children.

Move us to be thankful for mothers and fathers and for all the blessings you bring to our homes.

Today we remember the mothers who loved us even before we were born, who endured the trauma of childbirth, and who cared for us when we could not care for ourselves. On this day and on other days cause us to recall the hours they spent and the sacrifices they made so that we could be content and carefree as we grew up.

Lead us to express our thanks and return the love our mothers showed to us.

We cannot thank you enough for mothers and fathers, too, who brought us to Holy Baptism, taught us simple prayers at mealtime, and read us Bible stories at bedtime. Forgive us for resenting their correction and ignoring their guidance as they desired to keep us on the narrow path of life with Christ.

Never let us forget the Christian training they gave to us.

We remember with compassion the mothers who were not always able to reflect your love in our lives. Help us understand the pressures they carried and the sadness they experienced. Take away unhappy memories and rid us of resentment.

Lead us to forgive them as you have forgiven us.

We confess our failures to hold our parents in love. For the naughtiness of childhood, the flare-ups of youth, the overconfidence of adulthood, and for all the words and actions spoken in haste and to hurt, we ask you and our parents for pardon.

Give us courage to make up for past sins when we can.

As their minds and bodies age, help us to support our parents as well as we can. Give us patience to accept their struggles for independence and strength to deal with their weaknesses. Enable us to keep them mindful of Jesus and his promises of a perfect life in heaven.

As they brought us to your Word, so lead us to keep them close to your Word.

Keep in your care all the mothers of our world. Comfort mothers who have been separated from their children. Give strength to mothers who care for children who are sick or troubled. Encourage mothers in societies where mothering is disrespected or discouraged. We pray especially for those who long to be mothers but have not been so blessed.

We pray you to preserve and protect the blessed task of motherhood.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

So many women have influenced our lives. Lead us to think about their wisdom, compassion, patience, and encouragement and give us opportunities to say thank you when we can. Help us imitate their care for us as we work and play with children and young adults.

Strengthen us to love others as Jesus loved us. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Blessing

CW 214



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

741 We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

CW 741



1 We have a gos - pel to pro - claim, good news for
2 Tell of his birth at Beth - le - hem, not in a
3 Tell of his death at Cal - va - ry, hat - ed by
4 Tell of that glo - rious Eas - ter morn: emp - ty the



all through - out the earth, the gos - pel of a
roy - al house or hall, but in a sta - ble
those he came to save; in lone - ly suf - f'ring
tomb, for he was free. He broke the pow'r of



Sav - ior's name; we sing his glo - ry, tell his worth.
dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.
on the cross, in love for all his life he gave.
death and hell that we might share his vic - to - ry.

- 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- 6 Now we rejoice to name him King;
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

May 17 – Luke / May 24 – Simon

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (10) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Hour
- We (13) 7:00 pm Communicating Christ
- Fr (15) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Su (17) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship (with Communion)
11:45 am Coffee Hour
12:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore
- Tu (19) 6:00 pm Elders Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting
- Pastor will be out of town from May 20 through May 26*
- Su (24) 10:30 am Lay-led Worship**
11:45 am Coffee Hour

Acknowledgments

Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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