
Peace Lutheran Church
June 7th, 2020

AS WE GATHER: The great fifty days of our Easter celebration have passed for another year, crowned by the climax of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Today we celebrate the doctrine of the mystery of the one true God. Our celebration, however, seems to say, “Easter isn’t really over.” Even though we have rebelled and brought death by our sin, still God’s glorious and “very good” creation has become even better in Christ, with eternal life the way God originally intended things to be. This is the great good news we proclaim all our days by which God brings forgiveness and life to all, making disciples in all the nations of the earth. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Our first reading for today come from Acts 2:22–36

Reader: (Peter said) “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“ ‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had

sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.””

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Leader: Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG: “Come, Thou Almighty King”

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Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend.

Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success,
And let thy righteousness On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee great One in Three, Eternal praises be hence evermore!

Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we praise Your name for all Your works of Your creation, but especially for Your work in the redemption of the whole world through the saving sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Guide and govern Your Church throughout the world, that the glory of Your righteousness may lead to the salvation of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For ministers of the Gospel and all the congregations of Your people throughout the world, grant the unity of Your grace that they reflect Your own image of mercy, grace, and unity, pleasing You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Though there be many divisions between people in this sinful world, have mercy on all who are in the authority of government that their service draw everyone to walk in accordance with Your will and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray that you would be with all people facing tragedy, loss, or uncertainty, but especially those close to our hearts: (*Individual Petitions...*). Comfort them, Lord, and give them the firm confidence Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Trinity, You stand above all creation. Even heaven itself cannot contain You. Yet, we know that You love us. It is Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**