

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)



Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

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Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

**Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations.**

Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you.

—Revelation 15:3-4, NIV



Invocation

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Our Father,
you are in heaven, high and lifted up,
higher than our highest thoughts.

Holy is your name;
beside you there is no other!

You are God, and you alone!

Receive us into your kingdom—the coming kingdom—
the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear.

Receive us, for we come to you in his name—
we pray in him and with him.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

—based on Matthew 6:9-10, 13



Opening Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising; eyes are turning to You;

We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;

We long for You.

Pre-Chorus

*'Cause when we see You, we find strength to find the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away.*

Chorus

*Hosanna, Hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Verse 2

*Hear the sound of hearts turning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new;
You make us new.*

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Tag – Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

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“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”
—Isaiah 1:18, NIV

Prayer of Confession

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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Since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we now stand.
And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.
And hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured out into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

—Romans 5:1-2, 5, NIV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.
In the company of the upright, let us honor God for
the blessings and goodness we have received.

—based on Psalm 111:1

Offering

Offertory *Good Good Father* *Barrett/Brown*
Bill Mecaughey

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you
have first given us—our selves, our time, and our
possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us—Jesus Christ, our
Lord. **Amen.**

 **Preparation Hymn 248** *Holy Ghost, with Light Divine*

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon *Our Spiritual Compass* *Val Petrie*

 **Illumination Hymn 247** *Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me*

Scripture Reading

Ezekial 34:24-30

34²⁴ I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken. ²⁵“I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate dangerous creatures from the land, so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the forest. ²⁶I will make them and the area around my hill a blessing: I will send down showers in their season; they will be showers of blessing. ²⁷The trees of the field will yield their fruit, and the land will yield its produce; my flock will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the power of those who enslave them. ²⁸They will no longer be prey for the nations, and the wild creatures of the earth will not consume them. They will live securely, and no one will frighten them. ²⁹I will establish for them a place renowned for its agriculture, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land. They will no longer endure the insults of the nations. ³⁰Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people. This is the declaration of the Lord GOD.

Sermon

“The Spirit’s Dwelling Place”
Rev. Tim Latham

**Hymn of Response***Come Unto Jesus**Verse 1*

*Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.*

Verse 2

*Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:
“My yoke is easy, my burden is light.”*

Chorus

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.*

Verse 3

*Come taste the Bread of Life; broken for sinners;
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters;
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.*

*Chorus**Verse 4*

*Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking;
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading;
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;*

Come unto Jesus, take up your cross, Life everlasting He offers to us!

Chorus

Chorus

Tag

Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

Responding

We respond to God's Word



Profession of Faith *(Apostle's Creed)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 **Commission Song 379** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

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