

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 13-14, 2023**  
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**Prelude** (10:30) Theme from Symphony No. 1 Johannes Brahms

arr. John Higgins

**Entrance Hymn** (*stand*) "Up from the Grave He Arose" tune: CHRIST AROSE

*Solo* Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

*All* **Up from the grave He arose;**  
**With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;**  
**He arose a victor from the dark domain,**  
**And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.**  
**He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

*Solo* Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior,  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! *Refrain*

*Solo* Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! *Refrain*

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** "This is the Feast" p. 155

*Refrain*

*All* **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Solo* Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free  
to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing  
and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb  
forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.** (*sit*)

**First Reading** *Paul in Athens*

Acts 17:16–31

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

"In him we live and move and have our being";

as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

<sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor,

**He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\***

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

**Epistle** *Suffering for Righteousness' Sake*

1 Peter 3:13–22

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

*for melody of refrain, see LSB 952*

All **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Solo We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;\* death no longer has dominion | over Him.

All **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Solo In the heart you will have tribu- | lation.  
But take heart; I have over- | come the world.

All **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Holy Gospel** *Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit*

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Gospel Response** *Jesus Loves Me* (10:30)

Sunday School

*to follow text see LSB 588*

**Sermon** "Make Good Choices"

John 14:15-21

**Hymn of the Day** "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" LSB 867, *soloist sts. 2, 4*

**Nicene Creed** (*stand*)

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** (*sit*) *This Little Light of Mine* (10:30) *congregation sings all refrains*

*Refrain:*

All **This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Offertory** (*stand*)

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**Preface**

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**Distribution** (*sit*) "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend" LSB 866

**Post-Communion Hymn** (*stand*) "Thine the Amen" LSB 680, st. 1

**Thine the amen Thine the praise alleluias angels raise**  
**Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread**  
**Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup**  
**Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Post-Communion Collect** (*congregation responds "Amen"*) p. 166

**Benediction** *congregation responds "Amen"*

**Closing Hymn** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" LSB 463

**Postlude**

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