

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus

**Victorious...**

**Joy Marches Victorious Over Circumstance**



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## Order of Service for SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

### ✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

829 – Take Heart



1 Take heart, O ser-vants of the Lord, a - mid the cloud - y  
2 Serve not the dark de - sires with - in, nor wick - ed foes, nor  
3 We walk by faith and not by sight while liv - ing in this



jour - ney; though shad - ows seem to shade his Word, they  
tempt - ers; their sub - tle lies would lure us in, but  
dark - ness, but grief will change in - to de - light when



can - not hide his mer - cy. When prov - i - dence is  
Christ our King will con - quer. We firm - ly stand in  
Christ re - turns in bright - ness. Let us take heart un -



man - i - fest in tem - pests of af - flic - tion, be -  
Je - sus' might a - gainst en - tic - ing e - vil: he  
til we see the ris - en Lamb of suf - f'ring; then



hind the storm is Je - sus Christ, the sun of our sal - va - tion.  
dress - es us in ra - dian - t light - the ar - mor of his gos - pel.  
we be - fore his throne will be like him, for - ev - er shin - ing!

STAND

## INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

622 – Voices Raised to You We Offer

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the  
songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—  
for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

## 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.



BE SEATED

## ✠ The Word ✠

### FIRST READING

Acts 14:8–22

*As a witness of Christ's resurrection, Paul's joy and his ministry were unaffected by circumstance.*

<sup>ACTS 14:8</sup>In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup>and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup>When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup>"Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup>Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." <sup>18</sup>Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup>Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. <sup>20</sup>But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

<sup>21</sup>They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup>strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its  
 2 Ev - er while his deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion  
 3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with



song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to  
 stands se - cure; he whose fin - gers spun the earth, gave the  
 bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren



him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind  
 seas and moun - tains birth, tamed the o - cean, formed the land,  
 earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,



full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,  
 spread the skies with might - y hand: far - off shores re -  
 na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in



loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.  
 vere his name, day and night his pow'r pro - claim.  
 plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!



**“You make the gateways  
 of the morning and the evening  
 shout for joy.”**

Psalm 65:8

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21:21–27

*The great joy we have now will soon be made perfect and complete.*

REVELATION 21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup>On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND FOR THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

## GOSPEL READING

John 16:16–24

*Jesus promises that all our grief will be turned to perfect joy.*

JOHN 16:16 Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

<sup>17</sup>At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup>They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

<sup>19</sup>Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. <sup>23</sup>In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ**

BE SEATED

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When  
2 When shall these eyes thy heav'n - built walls And  
3 Oh, when, thou cit - y of my God, Shall  
4 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs, proph - ets, there A -  
5 O Christ, do thou my soul pre - pare For



shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
pearl - y gates be - hold, Thy bul - warks with sal -  
I thy courts as - cend? Where ev - er - more the  
round my Sav - ior stand, And soon my friends in  
that bright home of love That I may see thee



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
va - tion strong And streets of shin - ing gold?  
an - gels sing, The Sab - bath has no end.  
Christ be - low Will join the glo - rious band.  
and a - dore With all thy saints a - bove.

### ✠ Sermon ✠

John 16:16-22

## Life is a Series of “Little Whiles”

*Sermon notes:*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**BE SEATED**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of four ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *On your phone with the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the code to the left...*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Glorious Day

*Sung by the worship team.*

*One day when Heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as black as could be,  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men My example is He  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.*

### **Refrain**

*Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming; Oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.*

*One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.  
The hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me. **Refrain***

*One day the grave could conceal Him no longer. One day the stone rolled away from the door.  
Then He arose; over death He had conquered. Now he's ascended, my Lord evermore.  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again. **Refrain***

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His glory will shine.  
Wonderful day my Beloved One bringing. My Savior, Jesus is mine. **Refrain***

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for prayer*

Lord, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have founded Your Church as a place of prayer beside the waters of Holy Baptism. Give Your holy people hearts to hear Your Gospel message, lips to offer their prayers in faith and readiness to give of themselves for Your sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrection. Let forgiveness reign among husband and wives, parents and children, and friends and co-workers. Assure those who live alone that they are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You hear our prayers for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon You [*especially those of...*]. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out on this morning of Your Son's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## SERMON HYMN

713 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

STAND

## PRAYER and BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

840 (6,7) – All Men Living are But Mortal

6 O Je - ru - sa - lem, how glo - rious are your heav'n - ly  
7 Now I see what here was told me, see that won - drous  
man - sions fair! I can hear the tones vic - to - rious  
glo - ry shine, feel the spot - less robes en - fold me,  
ev - er sweet - ly sound - ing there. Oh, the bliss that there sur -  
know a gold - en crown is mine. Thus be - fore the throne so  
pris - es! Look, my soul, the sun now ris - es, and the  
glo - rious now I stand, a soul vic - to - rious, filled with  
break - ing day I see that shall nev - er end for me.  
pur - est joy and peace that in Christ shall nev - er cease.

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