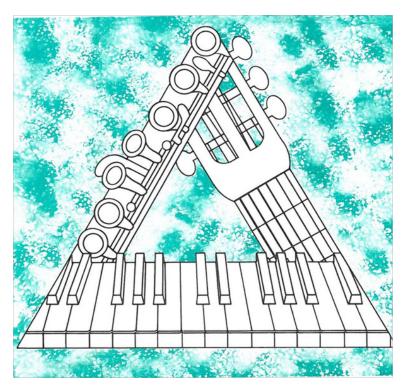
CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD, WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE JUNE 30, 2024 10:30 A.M.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Introduction

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

All Are Welcome

Do you ever feel left out? Do you ever wonder if Jesus is really for you? Perhaps you wonder if your sins are too many, or too bad. Or perhaps life has dealt you a rotten hand, and if people only knew what was going on behind your shallow "I'm fine" at church coffee hour, they wouldn't be so friendly. Or maybe you've heard that Jesus is for the marginalized, the victims, and the irreligious—and you're none of those things. You have a solid family, a good job, a nice church you're very involved in. Perhaps Jesus is too busy to be bothered with my concerns, you think.

If you've ever thought that perhaps you're not the right sort of person for the message of Jesus, today's gospel reading should set your mind at ease. In one quick story Jesus heals a woman of low status and the daughter of a man well respected in the community. The woman with the endless flow of blood shouldn't be near anyone, according to long-followed laws. But in faith, she dares to brush her fingers against the hem of Jesus' cloak and, instead of a rebuke, hears the loving voice of her Savior. The leader of the synagogue is precisely the sort of religious authority we tell ourselves Jesus came to cast down from their thrones. But in faith, he dares to ask Jesus into his home and, instead of a rebuke, sees the Messiah restore his daughter to life.

No matter who you are, Jesus is for you. Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, any gender, any background, marginalized or imbued with worldly power—Jesus is for you. He is not ashamed or afraid of you. He is not too busy helping others. Reach out in faith and let him show you just how much he loves you.

CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

** GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



** ACT OF RECONCILIATION

Leader: Dear members of God's family, branded in baptism and united in Christ, let us come together honestly to tell God that we have not lived as we could and ask him to forgive us:

All: Our Father, we have not fulfilled the hope in which you created us. We repent and ask your mercy that our sin be forgiven and our guilt removed. Help us to learn from scripture and from one another your will for our lives, so that with your help we can claim the inheritance of unlimited freedom which you have willed to us through your Son. You came to our world in Jesus. Come now to us.

Leader: God our Father does care about us. He sent his son Jesus Christ to us, and for us Jesus gave his life. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creature. Old things have passed away and all things are new. And all things are of God who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and who has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation.

Leader: Let us pray.

(A silence is kept for individual prayer.)

** PRAYER FOR THE DAY

All: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



** DEACON'S PRAYER

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



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

Congregation:



Leader: For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: Help, save, strengthen and defend us, O God, by your grace.

Congregation:



** SONG OF PRAISE

Congregation:



** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

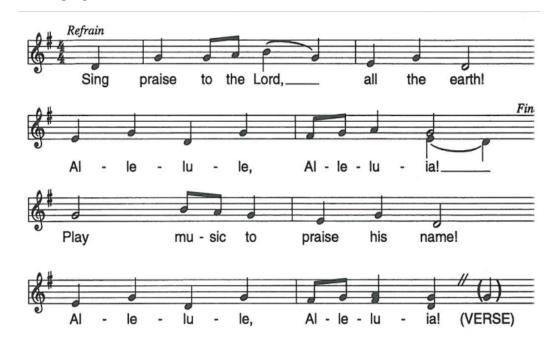
Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

A reading from the second book of Corinthians.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

** AL-LE-LU-LE, ALLELUIA Congregation:



Verse (Leader):

- 1. Our passover lamb is Christ, who banished the Angel of Death. (Congregation sing refrain.)
- 2. Our God made the earth for good, and one day we all will rejoice. *(Congregation sing refrain.)*
- 3. We sing to the glory of the Lord, who set us free from our sins. *(Congregation sing refrain.)*
- 4. To Christ our heavenly king, give thanks for everything. *(Congregation sing refrain.)*
- 5. He came to show us how to live in the here and now. (Congregation sing refrain.)
- 6. He suffered and died for us, and one day he shall return. (Congregation sing refrain.)

** GOSPEL Mark 4:1-9

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE & MESSAGE

Pr. JamieVannoy Don Bennett DayCamp Volunteers & Youth

** CREED

Congregation:





** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence is kept.

After each petition:

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

OFFERTORY

(While "Create in Me" is sung, offerings, including bread and wine, are presented.)

CREATE IN ME

Congregation:



** OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

** THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



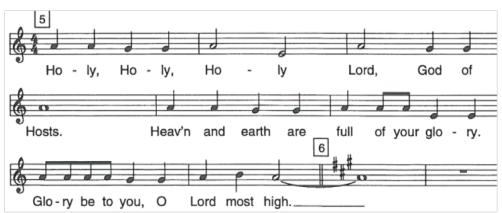
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

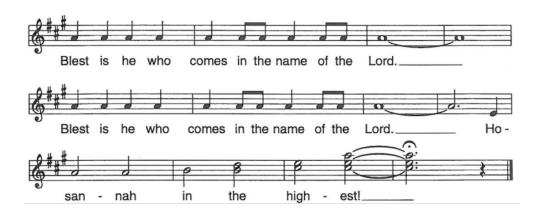
Congregation:



Leader: It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

Congregation:





** WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Presiding Minister:

Father, you are holy indeed: all your actions show your mercy and love. You made us in your image and set us over your creation. Even when we had fallen under the spell of sin, you did not abandon us but offered a covenant of blessing for all people. You rescued your chosen people, Israel, as a sign of the great deliverance to come. You sent prophets to prepare the way.

And when the time had come, you sent your Son; born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In word and wonder he proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. For us he was lifted up on the cross that we might know the power of his resurrection.

And that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him, he promised his Holy Spirit to those who believe to comfort and guide us and make us children of you, his Father.

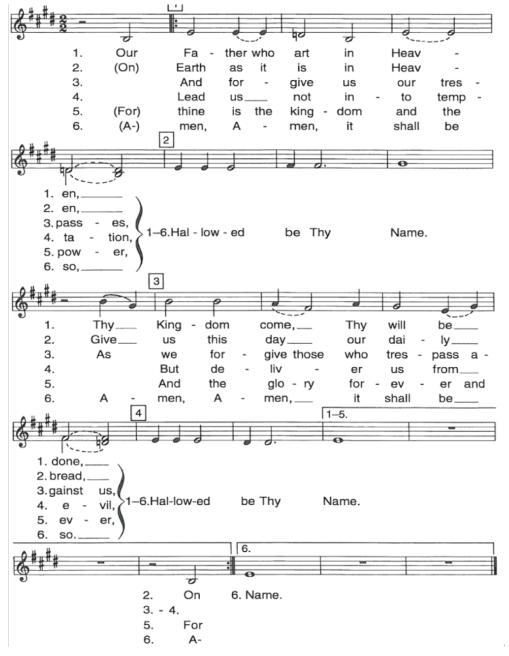
Father, through him and in his name we ask you, fill us with his Holy Spirit so that, until he comes again, we may remember him as he commanded us:

At supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took some bread in his hands, and after giving thanks to you he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat. This is my body which is given for you."

When the meal was ended, he took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks he gave it to them and said, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all people so that sins might be forgiven. Do this to remember me, for I will not drink the fruit of the vine again until the day I drink the new wine in the Kingdom of God."

** THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation:



Leader: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. (*breaking the bread*) When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ. (*lifting the cup*)

SHARING THE MEAL

LAMB OF GOD Congregation:



COMMUNION HYMN





give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter, 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth-er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal-ing; Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

Presiding Minister: (after all have received bread and wine) The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his Grace.

All: Amen.

** SEND US FORTH IN PEACE

Leader: Lord, we have your peace.

Congregation:



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** BLESSING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



Leader: Bless we the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you. And give you peace, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



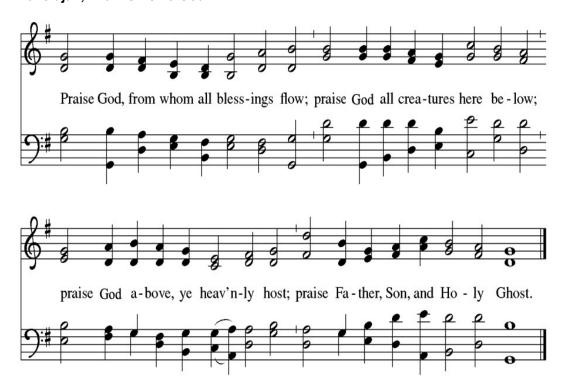




** DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Created, Saved & Gifted by God, we Seek, Serve & Share Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, Thanks Be To God.



"W + 2" = Worship Plus Two

Make a commitment to not only worship each week but also try to find a way to serve in the congregation and seek out a way to serve our community.

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

Upcoming Commemorations

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators Monday, July 1, 2024

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415 Saturday, July 6, 2024

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

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