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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

In the Upper Room, on the night before His death, Jesus spoke to disciples whose hearts were anxious and unsure. Into their fear He promised “another Helper,” the Spirit of truth, who would dwell with them and never leave them as orphans (John 14:16–18). Today that same Spirit gathers us, opening our hearts to trust the risen Christ whose love is not conditional or “iffy,” but certain, steadfast, and life-giving. As we worship, some of us witnessing a baptism and all of us remembering our own, we rejoice that the Father has claimed us as His children and placed His Spirit within us. On this Mother’s Day, we also give thanks for the women through whom God has shown us nurture, wisdom, and care, praying that He would strengthen mothers in their calling and comfort those who grieve or long for such joys. Confident in the Spirit’s presence and Christ’s promises, we come to walk in His love.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

[Jesus said:] “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 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.”

John 14:15–17

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – “Made to Worship”

1 Before the day, before the light
 Before the world revolved around the sun
 God on high stepped down into time
 And wrote the story of His love for everyone
 He has filled our hearts with wonder
 So that we always remember

2, 4, 6, 7 You and I were made to worship
 You and I are called to love
 You and I are forgiven and free
 You and I embrace surrender
 You and I need to believe
 You and I will see who we were meant to be

3 All we are and all we have
 Is all a gift from God that we receive
 Brought to life, we open up our eyes
 To see the majesty and glory of the King
 He has filled our hearts with wonder
 So that we always remember

5 Even the rocks cry out
 Even the Heavens shout
 At the sound of His holy name
 So let every voice sing out
 And let every knee bow down
 He’s worthy of all our praise

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; John 14:16-18; Hebrews 13:6

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** Jesus says, *“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever”.*
C **The Spirit of truth dwells with us and will be in us.**
- P** Jesus promises, *“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*
C **So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.”**

CONFESSION

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Jesus says, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Yet our love falters, our obedience fails, and our hearts are often troubled. Let us come before our Father in repentance, trusting the promise of Christ, who has not left us as orphans but sends us the Spirit of truth.
- P** O Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved You with our whole heart.
C **Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us Your commandments and called us to walk in Your ways, but we have not kept them faithfully.
C **Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P Holy Spirit, You dwell with us and in us, yet we have trusted our own wisdom and resisted Your truth.

C Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.

P O Triune God, forgive us, renew us, and restore us. Calm our troubled hearts, strengthen our faith, and lead us to live in Your love.

C Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Hear the promise of our Lord: *“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you... Because I live, you also will live”* (John 14:18–19).

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. By the sending of the Spirit of truth, He keeps you in the one true faith and restores you as His beloved children.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The peace of the risen Lord be with you.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 119:89-93; antiphon: v. 105

P Your word is a lamp to my feet

C and a light to my path.

P Forever, O Lord, your word

C is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

P By your appointment they stand this day,
C for all things are your servants.

P If your law had not been my delight,
C I would have perished in my affliction.

P I will never forget your precepts,
C for by them you have given me life.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
C and a light to my path.

HYMN OF PRAISE - "God of Wonders"

- 1 Lord of all creation
Of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high
- 2, 4 God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth
- 3 Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night
- 5, 7 Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
- 6 God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me
Father, holy, holy, holy, holy

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our gracious Father, You loved us before we could ever love You and sent Your Son to redeem us and Your Spirit of truth to dwell within us. Grant that, trusting in Your certain and unfailing love, we may keep Christ's commandments with willing hearts and joyful lives, bearing witness to the hope that is ours because He lives. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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 was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

FIRST READING

Acts 17:16-31

(Paul preaches Jesus and the resurrection, pointing Athenians to the “unknown God” who has been raised from the dead.)

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” —because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

²⁶And 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, ²⁷that 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, ²⁸for

“‘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.’

²⁹Being 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.
³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 66: 8-20; antiphon: v. 8

P ⁸Bless our God, O peoples;

C **let the sound of his praise be heard,**

P ⁹who has kept our soul among the living

C **and has not let our feet slip.**

P ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;

C **you have tried us as silver is tried.**

P ¹¹You brought us into the net;

C **you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

P ¹²you let men ride over our heads;

C **we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

P ¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

C **I will perform my vows to you,**

P ¹⁴that which my lips uttered

C **and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

P ¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

C **I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

P ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God,

C **and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

P ¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth,

C **and high praise was on my tongue.**

P ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

C **the Lord would not have listened.**

P ¹⁹But truly God has listened;

C **he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

P ²⁰Blessèd be God,

C **because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P ⁸Bless our God, O peoples;

C **let the sound of his praise be heard,**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13-22

(Saved by Baptism, believers are prepared to give a reason for their hope in Christ the Lord.)

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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.

²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over him.

P In the world you will have tribulation.

C But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

(Until He returns, Jesus promises to surround His disciples with truth by sending the Holy Spirit.)

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

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

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “love.”

OFFERTORY – “I Exalt Thee” Psalm 97:9

- 1, 2 For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord Jesus Christ, You have not left us as orphans but have given us the Spirit of truth, who dwells with us and will be in us. Strengthen Your Church throughout the world, that having received life in Your name, we may gladly speak to others of the hope that is ours because You live. Make our words and works faithful witnesses to Your resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, let Your Spirit be at work through our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; and all pastors. As they proclaim Your Word, grant that the Spirit would teach us all things and bring to our remembrance everything Your Son has said (John 14:26). Keep them steadfast in truth and joyful in service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of heaven and earth, You have given the Spirit of truth to dwell in us through Holy Baptism. Guard the feet of this congregation and its catechumens, that we may not slip into sin or unbelief but live in praise of Your name before the world. Make our homes places where Your commandments are treasured and Your love is shown. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day we give You thanks for our mothers, through whom You have given us life and shown us care. As Your Son honored and obeyed His mother (Luke 2:51), teach us to honor the women who have nurtured us. Strengthen all women with child and grant them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long for children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You made from one man every nation of mankind (Acts 17:26). Grant good leaders in every land who seek peace and serve justice. Frustrate the causes of evil, violence, and oppression. Prosper all efforts that promote righteousness and protect the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Listening Lord, You attend to the cries of Your people and hear us when we call. Look with mercy upon all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially [*names may be spoken here*]. Give them patience in their trials, comfort in their sorrows, and confidence that You will not abandon them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Triune God, You have placed Your name upon us in Baptism and made Your dwelling within us. Quiet our troubled hearts with the assurance of Your love, and by Your Spirit's power help us keep Christ's commandments with willing hearts. Grant that we may live in the certainty that because He lives, we also will live (John 14:19). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised that You will not leave us as orphans but will come to us and give us the Spirit of truth to dwell within us. Strengthen our faith in Your unfailing love, calm our troubled hearts, and guide us to walk in Your commandments with joy. On this day, we also thank You for our mothers and for all women through whom You have shown us care and blessing. Uphold them in Your grace, and comfort those who long for children but cannot, that all may rest in Your steadfast love. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.

CLOSING SONG – “I Walk by Faith” Hebrews 2:13

- 1, 3, 5 I walk by faith, each step by faith
 To live by faith, I put my trust in You
 I walk by faith, each step by faith
 To live by faith, I put my trust in You
- 2, 4 Every step I take is a step of faith
 No weapon formed against me shall prosper
 And every prayer I make is a prayer of faith
 If my God is for me who can be against me?
- 6 I put my trust in You, I put my trust in You
 I put my trust in You, I put my trust in You
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