

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

**Theme:** Paul demanded integrity and honesty from Jewish Christians, who were examples of faith to the Gentiles. But their adherence to the laws wouldn't take away from the saving work of Jesus Christ.

## PRELUDE

## CALL OF WORSHIP

Lord, have mercy! **For we are sinners,**  
We are sinners redeemed **by God's own grace.**  
We will rejoice **for God shows mercy.**  
We will worship **In this holy place.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Shout to the Lord*

#821

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.**  
**All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.**  
**My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;**  
**let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.**  
**Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.**  
**I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.**  
**Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

## GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Merciful God, We cannot save ourselves through our own actions, only through your grace, freely offered. Yet keep us faithful to the lives we have chosen and make us examples that others might see and come to believe in you, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING:

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL:

Luke 18:9-14  
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

## SERMON HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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**I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**  
**I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!**

**I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

## **BAPTISM**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**REFRAIN:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle  
breeze; **REFRAIN**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; **REFRAIN**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home what joy shall fill my  
heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou  
art!" **REFRAIN**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**