

HEARTS @ HOME



A Worship Service for Your Household

Sunday May 9, 2021

Easter Week 6

RCL: John 15:9-17

+ GATHERING +

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS +

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

AMEN

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done, and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

+ PRAYER +

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

+ SCRIPTURE +

+ **John 15:9-17**

+ **Spark Story Bible:** Jesus the Vine (Page 452-453)

+ **Northwest Synod of Wisconsin App:** Click the 'Bible' tab at the bottom.

+ REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD +

Option 1: Click on your congregation's online weekly sermon video & watch it together

Option 2: Use the following questions for in-home conversation or personal reflection

Option 3: Use questions for reflection

Questions:

+ What brings you joy?

+ How do you share joy with others? How has joy been shared with you?

+ In what way does your church show they are committed to loving like Jesus?

+ What is one way we find it difficult to love like Jesus?

+ APOSTLES' CREED +

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

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.

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. Amen.

+ PRAYERS +

With all the people of God, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

- + Maternal God, today we pray for mothers of all kinds, for the mothers in the Bible who inspire us, and for others in our lives and in the world who show us care, strength and resilience. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + God of healing, we pray for those who struggle to find the way; those who suffer from illness, loneliness, or grief, and those who are feeling discouraged. Reassure them with the hope that comes through Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
- + We pray for our government, for leaders and administrators, for elections and decisions, that they might all be motivated by the safety, compassion, and justice needed to ensure all people's well-being. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + We are encouraged by the positive impacts we see in the world, like cleaner air, when we cumulatively slow down. Help us to make the necessary changes to sustain these actions as we continue to care for the creation you have entrusted to us. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + *Add your own prayers here...*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **AMEN.**

+ OFFERING +

As people of faith we are called to continue strengthening the ministry of the church, even when we are physically distant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to your congregation or the synod – as the body of Christ we work together to serve our neighbors.

+ 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.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. **AMEN.**

+ BLESSING EACH OTHER +

Using your pointer finger, dip it in the bowl of water, and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead or the back of their hand saying, **"You are a beloved child of God."**
Take turns until each household member has been blessed.

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