

May 4 & 5, 2024 † Sixth Sunday of Easter

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION



***"Love one another as
I have loved you"***

John 15: 12

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King of Kings Lutheran Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.



Welcome to Worship!



PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AND OTHER INDOOR GATHERINGS AT KING OF KINGS *REVISED AS OF July 29, 2023*

These protocols are subject to change at any time based on information received from Bishop Egensteiner, the Orange County Health Department, the Governor of New York, and the CDC.

Wearing of masks inside the church is optional. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask may do so without judgment. Masks and hand sanitizer are available from the Greeter.

Write or highlight your name (recorded for service attendance) at the lectern in the entryway.

Take a bulletin. You may place an offering in the offering plate in the entry area.

All pews are open for sitting.

The service is livestreamed and begins when the organist / pianist starts the prelude; please cease conversing and listen silently to prepare yourself for worship (your conversation may be heard on the livestream).

Worshippers are welcome to speak responses and sing hymns and liturgical music.

When sharing the peace, offer a smile or a hand signal, but do not touch.

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1. Remain in the pew and tell the usher you want to commune in your pew; the pastor and the assistant will bring you the elements. Place the empty cup or container in the pew receptacle. OR --

2. Come forward via the middle aisle at the direction of the usher, move to the right or the left of the altar rail, kneel or stand, and receive a wafer from the pastor; if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or pre-packaged elements, please tell the pastor. Take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray held by the communion assistant. Return to your pew by the side aisles, and dispose of the empty cup or container in the receptacle at the side of the chancel or in the pew.

Please refrain from talking during the postlude so it is not heard on the livestream. Please have your post-worship discussions outside the Sanctuary.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOUSE

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDES, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able.

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



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

By whose word we are born anew, from whose hands we are given new life.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as we are created anew. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that cleanse us, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C **Amen.**



Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 93.

Tuesday 1 Timothy 6: 13-16.

Wednesday (Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416; Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303) Deuteronomy 11: 18-21.

Thursday (Ascension of Our Lord) (Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760) Luke 24: 44-53.

Friday Revelation 1: 9-18. **Saturday** Deuteronomy 34: 1-7.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19.

ENTRANCE HYMN

COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

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1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



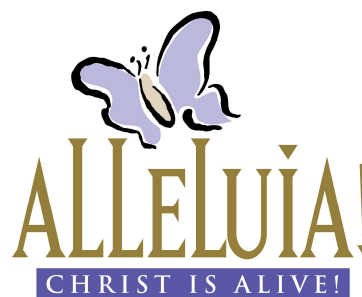
We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



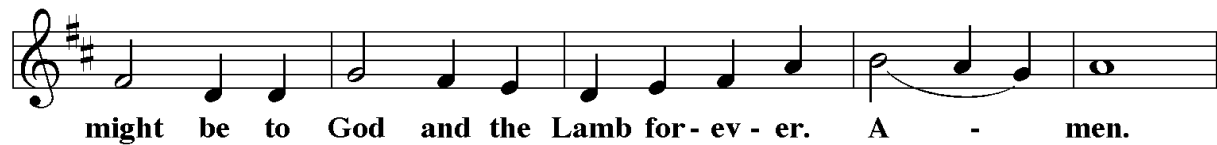
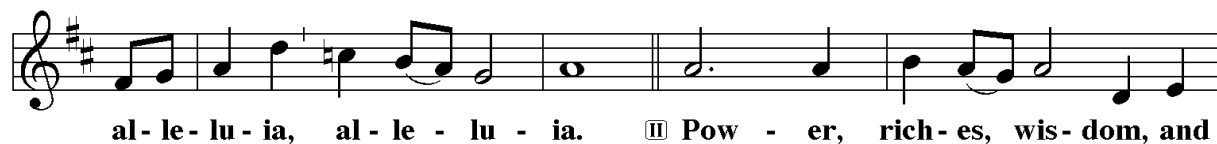
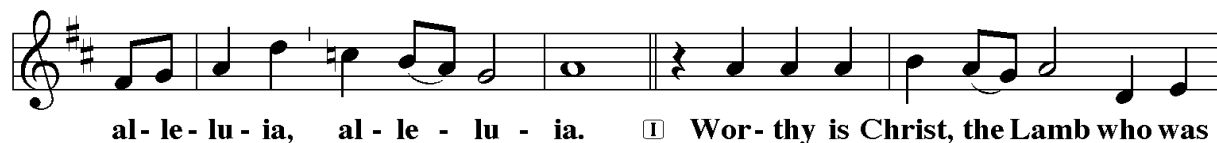
we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- L Whatever is born of God conquers the world.
 And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
 Who is it that conquers the world but the one
 who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- P Rejoice, for Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



HYMN OF PRAISE



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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.



C Amen.

Sit



WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

L The First Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The Word of the Risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98

L Please join in Psalm 98, reading the verses printed in bold.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5: 1-6

God’s children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God’s commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

L The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The Word of the Risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

Left Side: Alle-lu-ia!

(hold for four extra beats)

Right Side: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

(hold for four extra beats)

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.



[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P This is the Word of the Lord for you and me this day.



GOSPEL RESPONSE

Repeat the Gospel Acclamation above.)

Sit

SERMON

The Sermon is followed by silence for reflection.

Stand



HYMN OF THE DAY

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need of good news.

Silence

After each prayer petition:

L God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**



P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

WE SHARE IN GOD'S MEAL

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**



The pastor and congregation may greet one another sharing a physically-distanced sign of peace.

PEACE HYMN

SWEET PEACE

Peace, peace, sweet peace! Won - der - ful gift from a - bove!(a - bove!)

cres.

Oh, won - der - ful, won - der - ful peace! Sweet peace, the gift of God's love!

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may share an offering for the work of God through King of Kings in a variety of ways, either weekly or monthly or periodically. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate. You may use an envelope from the rack on the table in the narthex or request a set of personalized envelopes. If you use a check or identify yourself on an envelope, you will receive quarterly summaries of your giving. You may also mail in a contribution or give on-line through your bank or give by using the e-giving link on the kofk.com website or the "Vanco" app on your smartphone (see ORB bits for more information).



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

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Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

- L Let us pray.
Risen One,
- C you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, living, and loving God,
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
 and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.
 We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,
 and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.



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P Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
 we await your promised life for all this dying world.
 Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
 carry us in your arms from death to life,
 that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
 Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE 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**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Come and eat at God's table.
 C **Thanks be to God.**



Sit

WE SHARE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST

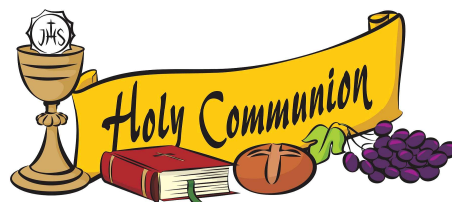
All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace at this service.

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Please be assured that no matter your preferences, Jesus comes to you in this meal.



LAMB OF GOD

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

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Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet: this is the way we will live with you.

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto everlasting life.

C **Amen.**



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**



Silence

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

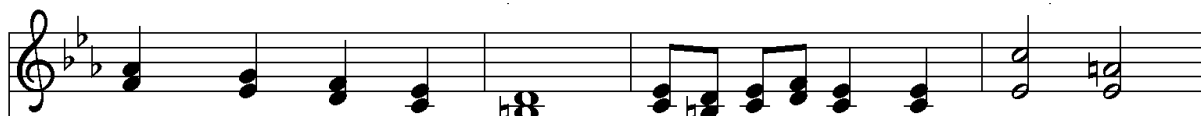




1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



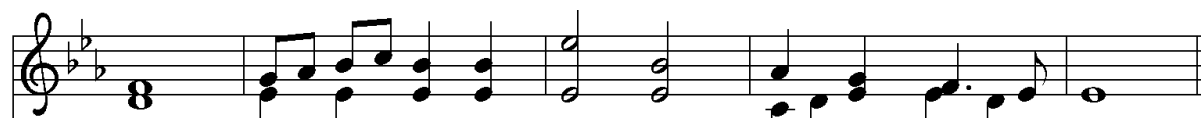
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

- L Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



POSTLUDE

May 4 & 5, 2024 † Sixth Sunday of Easter

Serving Saturday, May 4 at 5:00 pm

Greeter	Mariann Grassel
Announcements	Barbara Brady
Acolyte / Crucifer	Position Available
Communion Asst	Barbara Brady
Lector	Carol Betcher
Usher	Jim Meaney
Altar Guild	Mariann Grassel, Jim Meaney

Serving Sunday, May 5 at 11:00 am

Greeter	Anne Harris
Announcements	Marcia Rant
Acolyte / Crucifer	Position Available
Communion Asst	Jeanne Roper
Lector	Position Available
Usher	Marcia Rant
Counters	Marcia Rant, John Roper
Altar Guild	Mariann Grassel, Jim Meaney

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