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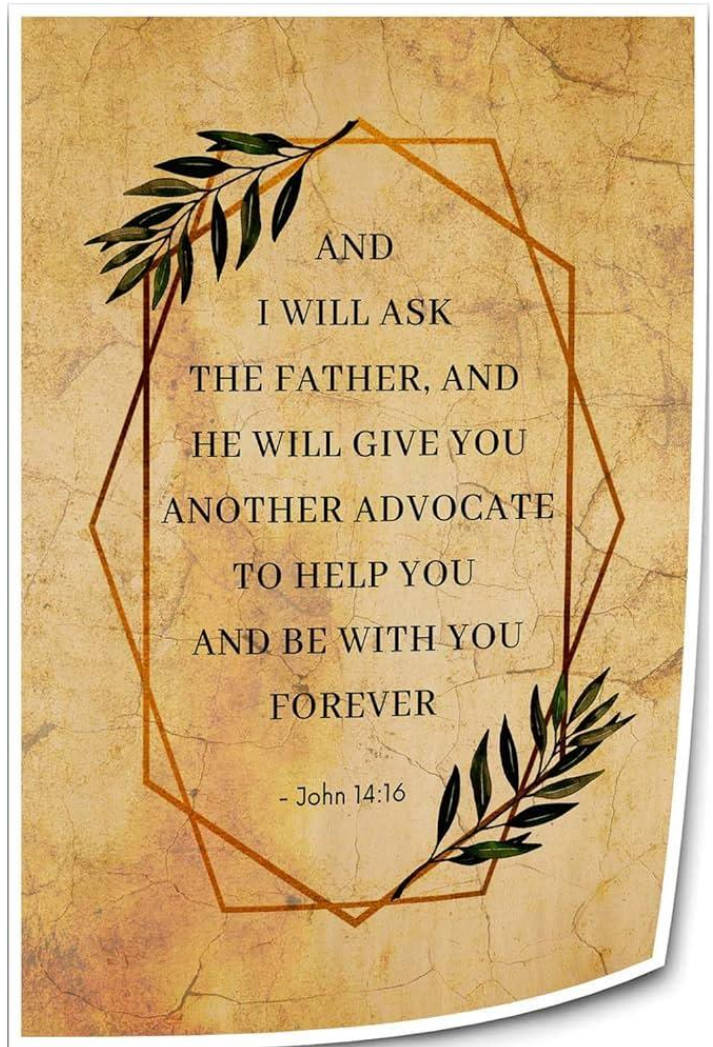
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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

10:45 AM



IS GOD'S LOVE FOR US "IFFY"?

AS WE GATHER

Throughout our lives, we look for a helper. Maybe that's a parent who can hold our hand to cross the street, a spouse who can open the pickle jar, or an expert who delivers wisdom we don't have. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends us a helper, the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit opens our heart to faith and then fills it with heavenly wisdom. Present in our Baptism and present today in worship, the Spirit keeps our hand firmly in our Savior's, so that linked by love, we can walk confidently in His promises.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; John 14:18; Hebrews 13:6*

Leader Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Congregation **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans;
Congregation **I will come to you."**

Leader So we can confidently say,
Congregation **"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"**

You Are My Vision

Verse 1

You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light

Interlude

Oh oh oh

Verse 2

You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me together we're one

Verse 3

You are my battle-shield sword for the fight

You are my dignity You're my delight
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower
Come raise me heavenward O Power of my power

Verse 4

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance now and always
You and You only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure You are

Verse 5

High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 14:19*

Leader We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments.

Congregation Forgive us, Lord.

Leader Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others.

Congregation Forgive us, Lord.

Leader Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth.

Congregation Forgive us, Lord.

Leader O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us.

Congregation Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will. Amen.

Leader To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, "because I live, you also will live." By the Spirit's power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 17:16–31*

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.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 66:8–20*

⁸Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; ¹²you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, ¹⁴that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰Blessèd be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

EPISTLE *1 Peter 3:13–22*

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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:15–21*

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

Congregation 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."

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Greg

Alive In Us

Verse 1

Great is Your love
Let the whole earth sing
Let the whole earth sing
You reached for us from on heaven's throne
When we had no hope
You are the Way there is no other
You are the Way there is no other

Chorus 1

You rose from death to victory - You reign in life oh Majesty
Your Name be high and lifted up - Jesus
Jesus alive in us

Verse 2

You outshine the sun
You are glorious - You are glorious
Lord over all You have made us new
We owe it all to You
In everything be exalted - In everything be exalted

Bridge

The enemy is under Your feet
We are free - We are free
Death has been defeated by love
You overcome - You overcome
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

You rose from death to victory
You reign in life oh Majesty
Your Name be high and lifted up
Jesus - Jesus alive in us
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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**Congregation 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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

Leader O Triune God, You have placed Your name on us in Holy Baptism, making us Yours and saving us from death and darkness. Teach us to quiet our consciences with the assurance of all You have accomplished for us.

Congregation **For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.**

Leader O Triune God, we proclaim Your name in a world that does not yet know You. Bless all who bring Your Gospel to new places, and make us fit proclaimers in our homes and neighborhoods, that our words and works would witness to Jesus Christ, the risen one.

Congregation **For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.**

Leader O Triune God, Your grace makes a home for us within Your kingdom. We pray for orphans, the widowed, the homeless, and the lonely who do not currently know the warmth of home and family. Surround them with Your care and send us to show them Your love.

Congregation **For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.**

Leader O Triune God, those marked by Your name are not immune from suffering. We lift up to You those who are struggling, sick, and grieving, [*including . . .*]. Be the helper they need most.

Congregation **For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.**

Leader O Triune God, we rejoice in Your faithfulness. Make Your dwelling in us, and keep us in faith until the day of Christ's returning.

Congregation **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation **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

Leader To God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

Congregation **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you always.

Congregation **Amen.**

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

O Great God

Verse 1

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

Verse 2

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Verse 3

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n

Glorify Your Name through me (REPEAT)

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