

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 22, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... On the sabbath, Paul and his companions worshiped with Lydia and the other women (Acts 16:13-14). May God open our hearts today as he did theirs.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" (vs. 1, 4 & 5) ELW #377

INTRODUCTION

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 14:23-29

P Those who love Jesus keep his words;

C Those who love Christ will make their home with God.

P Those who know Jesus will know his peace;

C Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.

P Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord, who has come to be among us.

C Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Do not let your hearts be troubled,
but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

John 14:27

**C Loving God,
we confess that we are an anxious people
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins,
that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

John 14:23, 24

P Let your hearts be still,
for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.
Beloved, receive the peace of Christ. Amen.

John 14:27

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (vs. 1, 3 & 5) ELW #389

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

PSALM 67

L ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C ²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

L ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C ⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L ⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

LESSON: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Peace like a River”

ELW #785

APOSTLES' CREED

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C 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 Pilot,
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 OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your
life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #686

**OFFERING PRAYER

C All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly
share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

CHARGE

John 14:23-39

P Hear the words of Jesus:
“If you love me, then listen to my voice and do what I say.
And I and my Father will draw close to you,
and will make our home within you.
I am leaving you with a gift—a gift the world cannot give:
peace of heart and mind.
So do not let your heart be troubled or afraid.”
Go from here to love and serve the Lord,
confident in the peace that Christ offers to each one of us.

**BLESSING

P May the Lord be gracious and bless you
that you may live a life of praise forever in God’s light.

Ps. 67:1, 3

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW #763

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

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