

WORSHIP SERVICE

Bread of Life Lutheran Creative Worship Setting

THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020 + Victoria Day Weekend

MUSICIAN *Ms. Heather Lewis*

OPENING HYMN "*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*" Verses 1-3

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Since we have such a great High Priest Who has passed through the Heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Let us with confidence draw near to God,

That we may receive mercy

And find grace in time of need.

[Brief silence for reflection]

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving kindness. In Your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth; against You have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Purge me from sinful stains and I shall be pure; wash me, and I will be truly clean. Hide Your face from my sins and clear away all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your

salvation and uphold me with Your bountiful Sprit. Make me hear of joy and gladness and give me the joy of Your saving help again. Amen.

(Based on Psalm 51)

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all of your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SPOKEN KYRIE

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy, hear us and give us Your peace. Amen.

EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE

**You are holy, you are worthy, holy Lamb of God,
You are righteous, You are precious, holy Lamb of God.**

You are Lord. You are Lord.

**Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb of God.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb of God.**

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, You send Your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of all Your people. Open our hearts to receive his riches, so that we may produce the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

The First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they

The Holy Gospel: St. John 14: 15-21

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John, the 14th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus says]: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess the faith.

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. On 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lift High The Name Of Jesus"*

**"Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace,
The beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached
And we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground,
To freedom from our sin.**

Chorus

**Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!**

**Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than,**

**Is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope,
To serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise.**

Chorus

**Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!**

**Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save,
Can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see
The harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace
As He leads sinners home.**

Chorus

**Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.**

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MESSAGE

VICTORIA DAY ANTHEM

**God save our gracious Queen, long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen.
Send her victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled' and 'love one another'. Let us come to our heavenly Father with all our troubles and concerns, and pray for the church and the world, showing forth your love to all in need.

O Gracious Lord, be with your whole church on earth, and the church in this land. Keep her faithful, and let your message of forgiveness through Christ be heard and believed.

Lord, in Your risen mercy:

hear our prayer.

Be with our Synod and her leaders. We commend to you our Synod leaders, pastors, and all men and women, young and old, who serve You. Uphold all in their daily callings with true faith and a godly life. Lord, in Your risen mercy:

hear our prayer.

Bless our nation, Canada, and help those in authority to strive for harmony, honesty and justice. Remember our Queen, Elizabeth, especially with Victoria Day in view; our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, our Premier, Brian Pallister, those in our local government, and all who maintain order and safety. Lord, in Your risen mercy:

hear our prayer.

Guide our industry, our education, our arts, culture and leisure activities, our mass media, our science and technology. May COVID 19 not cause any further ruin to business or commerce. Be with the unemployed and the overworked, the sick and the aged, the poor, the needy and the lonely. We especially remember today *all who cry out to you for help, healing and hope...* Lord, in Your risen mercy:

hear our prayer.

Protect our nation from hatred and violence, from arrogance, discord and confusion, and from all evil. Bring unity among the different peoples of our land; those born here and those from overseas; the rich and the poor, the creative and the pragmatic, the visionaries and the planners. Lord, in Your risen mercy:

hear our prayer.

Help us to care for the land and protect its fragile environment, so that the blessings you give can be passed on to future generations. Lord, in Your risen mercy:

hear our prayer.

Since You have given us grace at this time with one faithful voice to make our common concerns to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will give help in Your own time and fulfill the desires and prayers of Your servants, as may be best for them; Lord, in Your risen mercy:

hear our prayer.

Thank you, Father, that You hear us and care for us in all our needs. Open our eyes that we may see You in Your Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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. 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

CLOSING EASTER PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, set Your cross and empty grave in our hearts and minds, now, and in the hour of our death and promise to safely give us grace and mercy: that we may have forgiveness and holy pardon, and for Your Church, instill peace and unity, and unto all redeemed children life and glory everlasting, Who lives and rules as one God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favour + and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"Borning Cry"*

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God,
To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk 'till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.**

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Welcome & announcements.

Let us go in peace and joy, serving our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**