



Welcome to Worship at Adoration! If you're visiting with us or new to our congregation, please introduce yourself to Pastor Matt. We are glad you're here!

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. Inspired by the preaching text from Revelation, our worship today includes special prayers for the healing of the nations. Moved by the violence in our world, and in light of the past week, we also join in a lament for gun violence.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's worship service uses our red hymnal,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Prelude

Barbara Regent

Welcome and Announcements

Farewell and Godspeed Liturgy for The Haas Family

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

You are invited to stand. Children are invited to come forward and play percussion instruments from the risers.

Kyrie

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Young people are called forward for an age-specific reflection.



Children's Time

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water is poured into the font

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen

Gathering Hymn *The Day of Resurrection* ELW #361

Greeting

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

And also with you.



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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Oh most blessed God – so often we glimpse the future you have for us. We can smell the richness of a land flowing with milk and honey, feel gentle breezes to make us smile and heal us of every ill. And yet we live in a world divided by every pain and every folly and must live through this pain and folly as best as we can. Lord, keep our longing free of illusion and bitterness, strengthen our love so that we stay true to the paths on which you’ve called us, and give strength to every step we take on our way to you – you who showed us their greatest love on a cross. And we ask for this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

*Having heard of the faith of Lydia, we join together in singing **Psalm 67**. Like Lydia, most Christians are not originally Jews, but come from what the psalmist calls “the nations,” “the ends of the earth.” In Psalm 67, they too are praising God.*



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.

Psalm 67

Let us read Psalm 67 responsively, based on our locations.

(Lectern Side):

Favor and bless us, Lord. Let your face shine on us, revealing your way to all peoples; salvation the world over.

(Riser Side):

Let nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.

The world will shout for joy, for you rule the planet with justice.

L: In fairness you govern the nations and guide the peoples of the earth. Let the nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.

R: The land delivers its harvest. God our God, has blessed us.

L: O God, continue your blessing.

R: May the whole world worship you.

Second Lesson: John 14:23-29

A reading from the Gospel of John.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to stand.

In the season of Easter, we will flip the order of our bible passages and hear sermons on the readings appointed from the Book of Revelation.

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. Realistic details of a royal city (gates, a throne, the street) are interwoven with fantasy (no sun or moon, everyone reigning forever).

The tree of life, which sinners cannot approach (Gen. 3:22-24), is now available with twelve different fruits and miraculous leaves. Ancient Jewish belief that no mortal could look at God and survive is countered with the Christian hope that everyone will see God's very face.

One stunning detail about the new Jerusalem is its openness to all people, in contrast to human cities where gates tried to protect residents from enemy outsiders. We have already begun to live in this very city during our weekly worship: the crucifix we see is our tree of life, the font is the river of life, and on the forehead of all the baptized is shining the mysterious and powerful name of God.



Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Preaching Scripture: Revelation 21:10—22:5

A reading from The Revelation to John, the 21st and 22nd chapters.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city.

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more.

But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *There in God’s Garden ELW #342*

Prayers of the People: The Litany of the Nations

Trusting that the Holy Spirit, who knows our needs, prays with and through us, and when we have no words, for us, let us pray for the nations of the world, pleading for mercy and healing for those places and peoples torn by ancient animosities or terrorized by new fears; those devastated by drought or disease; those crushed by poverty, oppression or war; and those consumed by power, wealth or greed.

After each pair of nations is named, respond by singing, “Peace be Yours” We sing the chorus below.

Inspired by the words from John’s vision of the new heaven and new earth, we pray in part by singing “For the healing of the nations.” As each country is named, you are invited to join in prayers for peace, wholeness, and reconciliation. This liturgy comes from Holden Village, a Lutheran community in the Cascade Mountains of Washington and intentional spiritual community.



CANTOR: For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.

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Asus² C#m D E Asus²

To next verse...

heal - ing of the na - tions, we pray to you, O God.

C#m D E/B Aadd⁹

Let us pray...

We hold the following people in our prayers:

Perry Buck
Pat Koch
Ruth Bauer
John & Kathy Imp
Ron Voegeli (son of Dick & JoAnn)
Lindsay Pelaez (niece of the Schmidt family)
Akasha (Great-granddaughter of Joyce Weinert)
Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regents)

We continue to pray for strength and recovery for:

Dick Voegeli
Jan Rinderle
Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilius)
Joani Bettin
Joyce Weinert
Bob Bauer

We keep in our prayers:

Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law)
Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's brother)
Jeremy (nephew to Tom Nowakowski)
Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister)
Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter)
Scott & Debbie (family of Margaret Duris)
Shelby and the Taylor Daniels Family (friends of Crystal Januchowski)

We pray for those grieving the death of loved ones:

Ted and Mardy Lazaris, grieving the death of friend, Bill
Sharon Anderson, grieving the death of her nephew, Mark

You are invited to stand.

Everyone who longs for peace among the nations, peace in the church and peace between peoples, peace in each home and every heart, come, receive the breath of the Spirit, the peace of the living Christ. **God's love endures forever.**

Let us pray. **Most high and holy God, pour out upon us your one and unifying Spirit, and awaken in every confession of the whole church a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you. Amen**

Everyone who is weary and heavy laden, fearful or full of doubt, come to the River of Life, lay down your burdens and pour out your hearts before the Throne of the Lamb. **God's love endures forever.**

Let us pray. **Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. Amen**

You are gracious and merciful, O God, slow to anger, rich in love. Receive our prayers as you have promised and uphold us by your Spirit, until all things, mended by your mercy, are made whole and well in you, through Jesus Christ, our healer and our hope. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please be seated.

Offering

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to stand.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **Living God, you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

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:

Sanctus



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



Eucharistic Prayer

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross,
we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our
body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for
this earth.

Words of Institution

Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you
embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of
the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body
and blood of Christ.

Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise
you again: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught
us. **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.**

You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace. Gluten-free options are available.

We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice. Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server.

All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing



Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion Lamb of God

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion

Hymn During Communion (instrumental only)

Come Let Us Eat ELW #491

You are invited to stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.**

**Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.**

Amen

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The ELCA's new worship resource, All Creation Sings, includes prayers lamenting gun violence amid the rising number of mass shootings, hate-based crimes, and their impact on many communities and lives. As we enter the season where gun violence is highest in our communities, we pray not only in response to the violence of the past week, but also pray for a summer of peace in Milwaukee as we love our neighbors.



Prayers for Peace in the Midst of Violence

God, giver of life, you intend for humans to live together in peace. In this time of grief over gun violence, we pray for your presence among us. That, trusting in your mighty and gentle healing, we may live in hope, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of compassion, we give you thanks for first responders, for police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and all who offer compassionate aid in situations of tragedy. Keep them safe from harm, and give them courage and sound judgment as they act. That we may join in support of those who risk their lives for others, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of resurrection, we remember before you those impacted in Milwaukee, in Buffalo, in Laguna Woods, California. We commend them to your eternal love. Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized, and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence. That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of the promise in word and sacrament, we pray for the church. Give us a voice, your voice, to plead for a society marked by justice and sustained by cooperation among diverse peoples. Train us to resist the lure of brute force. That by your Spirit we may become words and signs of your mercy, we pray: **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of true might and redemptive mercy, receive our prayers, and grant us to become your instruments of peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hear these words of God's blessing and receive their power:

God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth. God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life. God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

God, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Crown Him With Many Crowns*
ELW #855 Verses 1, 3, & 5

Today's Lay Leaders

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*Ushers: George & Gloria
Becker*

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig



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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude***Adoration Lutheran Church***

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