

For **Christ**

also suffered

for sins **once for all**, the

righteous for the **unrighteous**,

in order to

bring you

to **God.**

1 Peter 3:18. NBSV

The Sixth Sunday after the Resurrection

Jesus' Reign is Established in Power and Glory

Pre-Service Music and Welcome

¹ Shout praise to God, all the earth! ² Make music to the glory of his name! Make his praise glorious! ³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!” Because of your great power your enemies must cower before you.

⁴ All the earth bows down to you. They make music to you. They make music to your name.

Opening Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives” Christian Worship 153 st. 1-2

Confession of Sins

Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Absolution

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives” Christian Worship 153 st. 3-4

Prayer for the Day

O gracious Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, because of your loving obedience you undertook our rescue. This required you to suffer and die to secure our forgiveness. It also required you to rise triumphant from the grave to proclaim our freedom. Because of your victory, your kingdom, power, and glory have been established. How can we ever thank you for making us your subjects. For your undeserved love, receive our love. For your undying commitment to our welfare, receive our thanks. For your incomparable power to reign over all things, receive our faithful obedience. Keep us always in your care until you bring us safely to your eternal kingdom in heaven. There you will rule over all things in your glory, and there we will praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.

Amen.

The Lessons from God's Word

Sanctify us by your Truth, your Word is Truth

Acts 17:22-31—²²Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in

temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Psalm Verse

⁵Come and see the works of God. How awesome his deeds for all people! ⁶He turned the sea into dry land. They crossed through the river on foot. Let us rejoice in him there. ⁷He rules by his power forever. His eyes watch the nations. Do not let the rebellious rise up against him. ⁸Bless our God, you peoples. Let the sound of his praise be heard. ⁹He is the one who has preserved our lives. He did not let our feet slip. ¹⁰Indeed, you tested us, God. You refined us as silver is refined.

At the works of your hands, O LORD, I lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

1 Peter 3:15-22—¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Psalm Verse

¹⁶Come, listen, all you who fear God, and let me tell what he has done to save my life. ¹⁷To him I cried out with my mouth. High praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸If I had contemplated evil in my heart, the Lord would not have listened, ¹⁹but God has surely listened. He has paid attention to the sound of my prayer. ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not turned aside my prayer or turned aside his mercy from me!

At the works of your hands, O LORD, I lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

John 14:15-21—¹⁵“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, 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. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

Hymn of the Day

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Christian Worship 370 st 1-2

Lesson for the Day - 1 Peter 3:15-22

“Subjects, Yet Not Subjected!”

We rejoice in our sanctification

We recall our baptism

We revere our powerful Savior

Confession of Faith—The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there 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 Praise

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Christian Worship 370 st 4-5

Prayer for the Day and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

The Benediction

Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with his favor; and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

“To God Be the Glory” Christian Worship 399 st 1 & 3

Silent Prayer