# The Sixth Sunday of Easter



# **Welcome to Gloria Dei!**

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

# To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

### **Our Communion Practice**

If you are a visitor with us today, we are glad that you're here! We are celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship today. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, we ask that you speak with Pastor Shrimpton or one of the ushers before doing so.

God requires that we only commune with those with whom we share complete agreement in God's Word (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) and makes us responsible for ensuring that those whom commune know exactly what God teaches lest people commune to their spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). Because of this, we ask that any visitors who are not a member of one of our sister congregations give us the opportunity to compare what we teach with your faith to ensure that we are in complete agreement before you commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Shrimpton after worship for more information.

# The Theme of Today's Worship

The entirety of God's Word can be summed up in one word: love. God's Law is all about love. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart..." and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37,39). The gospel is all about love: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..." (John 3:16). From his compassion for the sick and broken, to his sacrificial death on the cross, to the peace he provided after his resurrection, Jesus was the perfect embodiment of love. Love is his business.

Therefore, love is our business too. The resurrection reality is that with the same supernatural power by which God raised Jesus from the dead, God now enables us to live a new life—one marked by radically selfless love. The motivation and ability to do this comes from seeing the endless love Christ has for us. We love only because he first loved us.

# **Serving in Worship**

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
Accompanist	Kathy Lee
Ushers	Rick Huntington and Tim Mann
Communion Assistant	Steve Hansen
Altar Preparation	Janet Powers
Sunday School Teacher	Kathy Lee
Coffee Hour Host	•

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# The Service

Setting Two

# **Opening Hymn**

583 God Loves Me Dearly



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dear

ly,

### **Invocation**

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

Amen.

### Confession\*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**<sup>†</sup>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> We are born into this world with a deep need for confession. We come as sinners before the holy God who demands perfection from us. We come asking for his forgiveness, trusting in his promises to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' life and death in our place.

<sup>†</sup> Psalm 32:1-2

# **Lord, Have Mercy**

### Kyrie

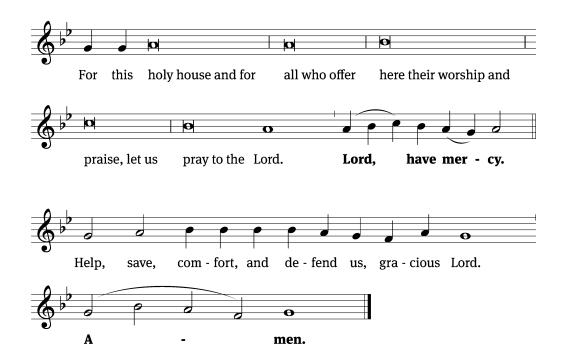




For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.







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Gloria in Excelsis\*



<sup>†</sup> This song borrows the words of the angels as they proclaimed the birth of the Savior to the shepherds (**Luke 2:14**). This song's traditional name, *Gloria in Excelsis*, is a Latin phrase meaning "glory in the highest."





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# The Word

### **Salutation**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Acts 9:36–42

Because Tabitha loved Jesus, she was always helping the poor in the town of Joppa. Because Jesus loved the people of Joppa, he had Peter raise Tabitha from the dead.

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, "Come to us without delay!"

<sup>39</sup>Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup>After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she

saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

<sup>42</sup>This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 89C



- 1 Love will be our song for ev er, faith ful love from
- 2 Heav'n and earth a like af firm it: LORD, you are mag -
- 3 Once, when Is rael lacked a lead er, Da vid was the
- 4 Now, though, we have felt your an ger; now we find dis -



a - ges past: love en-shrined with - in a prom - ise made by nif - i - cent! E - vil pow'rs and hid - den forc - es you have man you chose; an ex - alt - ed throne you gave him, and re - as - ter near. Shame is ours in - stead of tri-umph; neigh-bors



you and sure to last; hu - man tongues and an - gel voic - es ren - dered im - po - tent. At your throne of love and jus-tice lief from all foes: e - ven when your reb - el plight and sneer. How much long - er till you hear us? see our



de - light, join in rev - 'rence and we ex - tol you, faith - ful King: scorned your ways and spurned your law, Life is short, so swift our days! prais-ing your unblest are those who still your prom-ise Lord, re - new the



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# **Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-11, 19-21

Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

ear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

<sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup>This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand\*

 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{^{+}}$  We stand out of respect for the words and account of the life of our Savior and King, Jesus.

# **Gospel Acclamation**



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Gospel John 15:9–17

The living Lord gives us this command. Remain in his love so that we might also love each other.

s the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup>These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

# Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

# Children's Message

The children are invited forward to sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Parents may join them for this special message.

# **Hymn of the Day**

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice, s. 1-5



- 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, with ex-ul-ta-tion
- 2 Fast bound in Sa tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark ly
- 3 My own good works a vailed me naught, no mer it they at -
- 4 But God be held my wretch-ed state be fore the world's foun-
- 5 He spoke to his be lov ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring - ing. and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - lv Sin was mv tor - ment night and day; in o'er me. sin mv a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no tain - ing; my will hope for da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer-cies great, he planned for pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won-ders God has done, Yet deep and deep - er moth - er bore me. still I fell: life My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair re - main - ing. Α fa-ther's heart he turned to sal - va - tion. me, sought sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row all set them free:



the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly his right arm it has cost had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - lv sin pos - sessed me. on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence. my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear-est trea - sure. bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."

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1 John 4:7-11, 19-21

Please stand

# **Confession of Faith**

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.

Be seated

<sup>\*</sup> The Apostles' Creed is an ancient confession of faith in the Christian church and is one of three nearly-ubiquitous confessions throughout Christendom. While not written by the apostles, it serves as a summary of their teaching.

# **Prayer of the Church**

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

# Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit www.gdluth.org/giving.



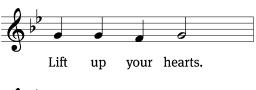
If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the "Connection Card" in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.

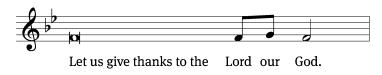
# **The Sacrament**

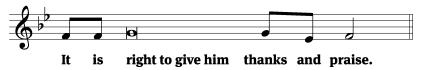
# Preface\*











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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> The words of the Preface are the least changed liturgical text of the Christian church, dating back to at least 200 AD. They are spoken as joyous words that anticipate the forthcoming reception of the Lord's Supper.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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

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high - est,

Ho-san - na

Lord.

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Sanctus\*

<sup>\*</sup> We join the saints in the triumph song of the holy God who has rescued us. We sing, "Hosanna!" which means,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Please save us!" The traditional name for this song, Sanctus, is the Latin word for Holy.



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# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# 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.

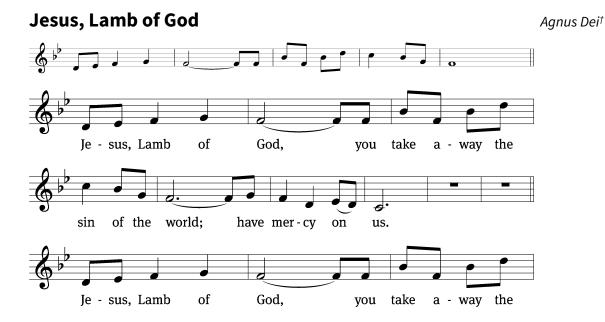
### **Words of Institution\***

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

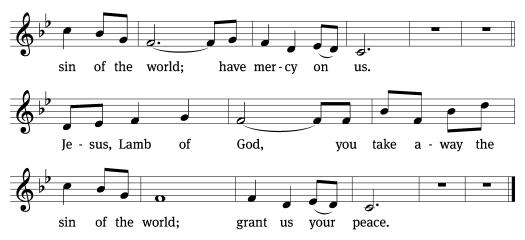
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



<sup>\*</sup> This is no symbolic meal nor were Jesus' directions a parable. As his last will and testament, Jesus' direction on the Lord's Supper is clear: in a miraculous way, his true body and true blood are present with the bread and wine in the Sacrament. Through it we receive the forgiveness of our sins won for us by his death on the cross.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**, the long-promised, perfect sacrifice for sin. The traditional name of this song, *Agnus Dei*, is the Latin phrase *Lamb of God*.



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### Be seated

# **Distribution**

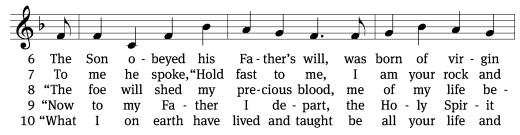
**To our guests:** please review "Our Communion Practice" on p. 2 of this worship folder before communing with us. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor after the service.

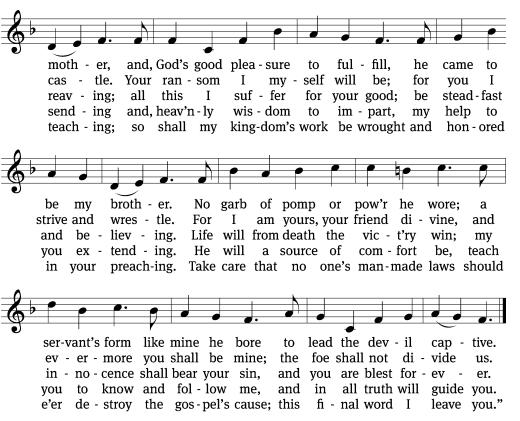
Those communing with us today should follow the ushers' direction to come forward via the center aisle and return to their seats by the side aisles.

### Please stand

# **Thanksgiving**

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice, s. 6-10





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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

# his mercy endures forever.\*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> These words of praise occur repeatedly in Scripture. For an example, see **Psalm 118:1**.

<sup>† 1</sup> Corinthians 11:26

# Blessing\*

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 favor and + give you peace.

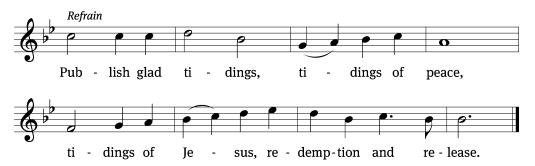
Amen.

# **Closing Hymn**

901 O Christians, Haste



<sup>\*</sup> The closing blessing of the service follows the pattern of the blessing that God gave to his Old Testament people in **Numbers 6:22-27**.



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# **Calendar & Announcements**

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Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Romans]	10:30 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm
Tuesday In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke] Bible Information Class Online Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	4:30 pm
Thursday Senior Care Center Worship Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]  Next Sunday	10:00 am
Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Romans]	10:30 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm

# **Congregational Voters' Meeting**

June 23, 12:00pm

Our next congregational voters' meeting will be on Sunday, June 23 at noon. At this meeting we will hold elections for elected positions within the congregation's leadership and approve a new fiscal year budget in addition to getting updates on all of the areas of ministry where we're doing work.

The plan will be for this to be an in-person only meeting, but if you want to attend but would need a Zoom connection, please let Pastor know by Saturday, June 22.

Tree of Life Bible Camp, our church body's weeklong summer camp for kids in 4th grade through seniors in high school will be held this July from the 7th through the 13th. The camp features a ton of fun outdoor activities and plenty of time in God's Word for our young men and women to grow in their faith.

If you have children in your family in that age group and/or are interested in volunteering for the week to help make the camp work the best it can be, please visit https://treeoflifebible-camp.org or speak with Tim Mann or Pastor Shrimpton.

# **Every Member Visits**

Pastor Shrimpton is making a new round of visits and would like to touch base with each member family in the congregation. These visits can take place in your home, at church, at a coffee shop, or online—whatever would be easiest and best for you and your family. You should have received an email early in the week with a link to schedule these visits, but you can also scan the code at the right to do so from your mobile device. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.





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