



May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING		Heather Hinton
GREETING		Darren Cushman Wood
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Diane Gattone
PRELUDE	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	arr. M. Helman
CALL TO WORSHIP		Darren Cushman Wood
	Leader: Christ is risen!	
	People: He is risen indeed!	
	Leader: Send your Spirit, O Christ,	
	People: to raise our spirits and unite our hearts in you.	
OPENING HYMN	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	
	<i>The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.</i>	
	<i>Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.</i>	
	<i>Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Christine Rembert

FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God. Whoever loves someone who is a parent loves the child born to the parent. This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep God's commandments. This is the love of God: we keep God's commandments. God's commandments are not difficult, because everyone who is born from God defeats the world. And this is the victory that has defeated the world: our faith. Who defeats the world? Isn't it the one who believes that Jesus is God's Son? This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. Not by water only but by water and blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Angels Visit When We Sing

T. Trenney
Cathedral Singers

Alleluia! Angels visit when we sing and the morning stars rejoice, we can hear them echoing in each faithful heart and voice: Alleluia, alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing as they did at Jesus' birth and the music that they bring links the heavens with the earth! Alleluia, alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing and remind us with their praise sin and death have lost their sting! For the crucified is raised! Alleluia, alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing and our hearts are touched by fire, as our hymns and anthems ring with the sound of heaven's choir. Alleluia, alleluia!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 98

Diane Gattone

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done wonderful deeds.

**People: God's right hand has won a mighty victory;
God's holy arm has revealed to us the saving power!**

Leader: The Lord has announced victory
and has revealed righteousness to every nation!

**People: The Lord has remembered the promise
to love and be faithful to Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Leader: Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!

**People: Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song,
with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn.
Make a joyful symphony before the Lord our Sovereign!**

Leader: Let the sea and everything in it shout God's praise!
Let the earth and all living things join in.

**People: Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before God,
who is coming to judge the earth.**

Leader: the Lord will judge the world with justice,

People: and the nations with fairness.

HYMN OF PRAYER

Baptized in Water

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our king;
Heir of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.***

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our king;
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.***

EASTER PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Carolyn Svirsky

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we pray for the world: Christ was raised and Christ is appearing.
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray
for mothers, who have given life and love that we may show our gratitude;
for mothers, who have lost a child through death that we may comfort them;
for mothers, who have been unable to care for their children, that they may be restored.

**People: Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you have fed us with the everlasting life of the Risen Christ.
Where there is faithfulness, bring honor,
and where there is pain, give healing.
Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another
as you hold us in the arms of your mercy. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Diane Gattone

Leader: God, in your mercy....

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

ANTHEM

Love Has Broken Down the Wall

M. Miller
Voices in Accord

Love has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one, love has broken down the wall.
We're accepted as we are. Through God's power all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.
Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace, and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.
We will tear down the walls! Love has called us, one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.
Love has broken down the wall.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Resurrecting Embrace

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Christ Is Alive

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.***

***In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.***

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

arr. K. Kolander

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Diane Gattone, *Pastor of Care & Nurture*

Christine Rembert, *Liturgist*

Carolyn Svirsky, *Co-Chair Mission & Outreach Team*

John Hague, James Horton & Jack Haefling, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*