

Worship Guide for Christ the Good Shepherd

May 9, 2021 - 6th Sunday of Easter

For worship today, you will need: bowl of water to remember baptism bread and wine or juice.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SONG: Love Devine, All Loves Excelling - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPsxqQsnzJA>

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.	2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast. Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.	4 Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the mark of our baptism

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING AND KYRIE

Apostolic 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.

Kyrie Elison (Def: "Lord, have mercy." A plea for mercy)

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: (A brief silence)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st READING: A reading from Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45 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, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. Word of Life, word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

One: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

All: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

One: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;

One: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

All: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

One: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

2nd READING: A reading from 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We all say together

Alleluia. 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. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

✠✠✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL According to John 15:9-7 **Praise to you, O Lord.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] 9 “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

MESSAGE – Pastor Curtis Zieske

SONG: Abide with Me- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny2eRXh49SM>

<p>Verse 1 I have a home eternal home But for now I walk this broken world You walked it first You know our pain But You show hope can rise Again up from the grave</p>	<p>Chorus Abide with me abide with me Don't let me fall and don't let go Walk with me and never leave Ever close God abide with me</p>
<p>Verse 2 There in the night Gethsemane Before the cross before the nails Overwhelmed alone You prayed You met us in our suffering And bore our shame</p>	<p>Bridge Oh love that will not ever let me go Love that will not ever let me go You never let me go Love that will not ever let me go Interlude Well You never let us go</p>
<p>Ending And up ahead eternity We'll weep no more we'll sing for joy Abide with me</p>	

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation.**

He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of

the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge on baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Today we pray for the Moravian Church, giving thanks for the life and witness of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymnwriter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

Jack Johnson, prayers of healing

Lois, Mary's Michener's friend, with broken hip

Linda, Diane Hawkins' sister, diagnosed with cancer

Sharon Reynolds

Pastor Shelley, undergoing chemo, prayers for healing

Miles and Stephanie's daughter Lucy, with medical diagnosis

Kathy Moredock for health

Nancy Ostrem recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

Josie, Mary's friend, injured from a fall

Rev. Elwin Bergstraesser, with lung cancer, wife and family for peace

Mary, continued eye healing and increasing sight

Julie, Mary's daughter, healing from surgery

Baby Olivia recovering from heart surgery, doing well

Margaret and family grieving the passing of Jim, Joel Mathias' brother-in-law

Eleanor Norman for healing after a fall

Anna Christie for healing and strength during recovery

Frank Palmer for healing after a fall and hip surgery

Tom, Kim Hester's parishioner, critical with COVID

Paul, knee surgery on May 3

Small business owners during COVID
Communities affected by fire, flood, earthquake, tornado
All diagnosed with COVID-19 and families that support them
Victims of hate crimes and gun violence
Sena Norton as she prepares for pastoral leadership in September
Students and staff as they transition from distance to in-person teaching
Shut-ins experiencing loneliness
Molli, peace in her new job
Cora Lee recovering from kidney surgery
Jacque Kautto with life changes and Carvin in memory care
Jamie Sauer recovering from surgery
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Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives (especially). Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of our risen lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Worshippers share a sign of peace with one another.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, we welcome this day of Resurrection with its opportunity to bring gifts to a living God. Receive these offerings as our joyful celebration of your new life and reign in Jesus, your Son. And through the bread and wine we have presented, share your new life with us. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times 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, and the whole company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise, saying:

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. † Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

CANON FOR EASTER

You are indeed holy, almighty and most merciful God. You give life and bring new life in your risen Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

We praise you as the God of promise, delivering your chosen people from their captivity in slavery and giving them new life in the land promised to faithful Abraham; and though they experienced the death of exile, you remained faithful to your promise, sending the prophets and giving your children renewed life.

We praise you for Jesus, born of Mary by the power of your Holy Spirit, the first-born from the dead; who, through the exile of his suffering on the cross, served us as both victim and priest, and through him you have delivered us from our exile and captivity to sin and death, giving us the joys of eternal life, fulfilling all covenants and promises.

Send your Holy Spirit to breathe new life into † us and to bless these gifts of † bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of our living host, Jesus Christ our Savior.

This same Lord Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread; when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take and eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for my remembrance. (*All bow*)

When the supper had ended, he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: All of you, drink of this, for this cup is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for my remembrance. (*All bow*)

Therefore, Father, before you we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We offer to you, most holy God, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, remembering this Easter day all you have done through the Passion and Resurrection of your Son.

In this Holy Communion you unite us in the sacrifice of our eternal High Priest. Through his promise he made to his disciples we await his final coming to fulfill all of life and to make new the heavens and the earth.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we now gather to receive this Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, strengthen us in your mercy and grant us the fullness of your salvation and peace.

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior has taught us, we pray boldly: **Our Father...**

FRACTION (*Breaking of the bread*)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ALL ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE THE BREAD/BODY AND WINE/BLOOD OF CHRIST

AFTER ALL HAVE RECEIVED:

The body and blood of Christ our risen Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Lord, Jesus Christ, by this holy sacrament you proclaim your death for all people. May the whole

world come to know and believe in your resurrection by our being raised to new lives of love through this holy communion. We bless you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: The Only One <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5k6ASRS5gQ>

<p>Verse 1 I believe ev'ry heart needs a healer Someone to walk through the fire All I need I have found</p>	<p>Verse 2 Ev'ryone is looking for a Savior When it feels like the world's going under All I need I have found</p>
<p>Chorus In my life Jesus more of You Jesus You are the One You are the One In ev'rything Jesus my heart sings Jesus You are the One You are the only one</p>	<p>Verse 3 Ev'ryday there's a hope to remember Yesterday's been washed in the water All I need I have found</p>
<p>Bridge I believe ev'ry heart needs a healer Someone to walk through the fire I have found Ending You are the One You are the only One</p>	

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Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Pastoral Care Needs

Please contact our U-Matters Team through Twila Anderson at (503) 871-5253. In addition, Pastor Curtis Zieske, our bridge pastor, is available for critical needs: **507-351-9580**. Because of Covid restrictions he is unable to make hospital or care center visits at this time except for end-of-life circumstances. Twila will coordinate with him.

Announcements

Office Hours: Office hours are 9-3:30, Monday-Thursday

Rose will be working in the church office on Wednesdays, unless otherwise communicated.

Please send prayers, praise, and announcements to office@christthegoodshp.org or share with Heidi Dupuis.

Backpack Buddies is BACK!

Come help us pack lunch and feed kids!

May 18 - Tuesday 9:30 AM – Gathering Room

We will be packing every 2 weeks going forward.



Next Outreach Meeting will be June 12th, at 10 AM
SPECIAL DATE!!!
Meeting ID: 823 2680 4809
Passcode: 164756

Reflection on Saint John 15.9-17 for Easter 6 B

What Is Love?

“I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another” (15:17) Love. Not warm fuzzies, but love. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (15:12) The words of Jesus in the Gospel According to Saint John reminds us that the kind of love Christians are called to embody takes a particular, cruciform shape.

“Few, if any of us, will be called to martyrdom; but all of us are called to a series of little deaths in the form of invitations to restrain or deny self....The sending of God by God was the sending of Love – a crucified Love willing to lay down its life for friends and enemies alike. Your mission and mine – which we can only perform insofar as we are in communion with God and with one another – is to submit, out of love for one another, to countless, daily ‘little deaths’ until we have yielded every least and last remnant of self to the purpose of Christ.” (Robin Maas, *Crucified Love*, 98, 121).

Let us consider an example of a life-giving “little death”. I share this report with you because this is something that you are already doing at Christ the Good Shepherd (and doing it very well), so you already know how important this ministry is: Backpacks

[From the writings of Anna MacDonald:] My mom started a backpack program 8 years ago with an elementary school down the road from my parents’ church that has morphed into a partnership. Among many other ways that they support the school’s students and teachers, congregation members pack food every week for more than 100 children who may not otherwise have anything to eat during the weekend.

This story was relayed by the mother of a child who receives a weekly backpack. This mom watched from her window as her child and his friend got off of the school bus one Friday afternoon. Her son took his food bag out of his backpack and started unpacking some food at the bus stop. This little one shared half of what he had with his friend. When his mom asked him about what she saw, he told her that his friend needed some extra food, too.

Word got back to the school counselor. We sent extra food in this little one’s bag, until we could get the new child enrolled in the program. We added a note telling him how proud we were of him and that we would send extra food for him to share with his buddy until he could get his own bag of food on Fridays.

That weekly commitment – shopping, packing, delivering – is a small death to self that makes possible other acts of self-giving and generosity. Crucified love is not the warm fuzzies. Rather, it ultimately anticipates that our own bodies – individually and collectively as the church, the body of Christ – are a means by which God provides for the world if we’re open to and rest in the leading of the Spirit.