

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
11 am, Sunday, May 16, 2021
Ascension of Our Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B

Introduction

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

"Eye of the Storm"

Verse 1

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet
Between the black skies and my red eyes, I can barely see
When I feel like I've been let down by my friends and my family
I can feel the rain reminding me

Chorus

In the eye of the storm, You remain in control
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor, when my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm

Verse 2

When my hopes and dreams are far from me
And I'm runnin' out of faith
I see the future I pictured slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain and heartache
Are pouring down my face
I find my peace in Jesus' name

Chorus

In the eye of the storm, You remain in control
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor, when my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm

Verse 3

When they let me go and I just don't know
how I'm gonna make ends meet
I did my best now I'd scared to death

that we might lose everything
And when a sickness takes my child away,
and there's nothing I can do
My only hope is to trust You
I trust you Lord

Chorus

In the eye of the storm, You remain in control
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor, when my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm

"Way Maker"

Verse 1

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
Healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

And You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

Bridge

Chorus

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*** Gospel: Luke 24:44-53**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Emily Wikner

SERMON

Pastor Emily

"Living Water"

Chorus

Living water flow through me
Like streams in the desert
My soul You revive
Living water You're what I long for
You are the fountain of eternal life

Verse 1

I was so empty though I'd tried
Time and time again
To satisfy the thirsting
I'd felt so deep within
I'd heard of living water
That satisfies the soul
And if you drink this water
You would be made whole

Verse 2

One day I met a stranger
He offered me a drink
Believe in Me He whispered
For I am what you seek
He said streams of living water
Would flow from deep within
And if you drink this water
You'll never thirst again

Verse 3

I found a spring of water
Its resource never ends
And when I'm feeling weary
It strengthens me again
I've tasted of life's river
And my soul is satisfied
So come and drink this water
There is a vast supply

Ending

Living water You're what I long for
You are the fountain of eternal life

Prayers of Intercession

P: Here us O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***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 and ever.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***Blessing**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you (✠) that you may be a blessing in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

“We Are Called”

Verse 1

Come! Shine in the light
Shine with the joy and love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Verse 2

Come! Open your heart
Show Your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more

Refrain

Verse 3

Sing! Sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love

Refrain

Refrain

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider:

Children's Sermon:

Music:

Sound Tech(s):

Pastor Emily Sauer

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