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Saint Paul

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**Sunday Worship** // *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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**Welcome // Introduction // Call to Worship**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,

18 to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

## Opening Praise // How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music by Stuart Townend

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**♪ 1 How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.**

**♪ 2 Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.**

## Prayer of Confession

P(astor): Lord, we admit what is not yet good and right in us. We have not always appreciated the truth that your power is wielded on our behalf.

**C(congregation): Forgive us for not acknowledging you as the source of everything good.**

P: We have expected your goodness but not thanked you for the warmth of the sun and the love of family.

**C: Relieve us of our guilt and empower us to live for you.**

P: We have benefited from daily meals but neglected to thank you for your provision.

**C: Wash away our transgressions and let the joy of your salvation direct our next steps.**

P: You have filled us with so many good things - here we sit in our pomp and glory, well-fed and without need. But you have ordained that your power would be distributed through us to a world that needs food, needs blankets, needs shelter from neglect, needs a safe-haven when taunted or abused.

**C: Forgive us, Lord, and cause us to rise up as the Body of Christ. We are your hands and feet to benefit a world in need.**

P: And we have not always believed that we exist to share your power and your benefits with others.

**C: Forgive us for when we have been complacent rather than active.**

P: We have neglected our duty to serve, rather than rising to the occasion to help someone in need.

**C: Release us from our debt.**

P: We have hidden under the mask of ecclesiastical appearances but left the hurting and lonely to be smothered in their own despair.

**C: Forgive us, Lord, and cause us to rise up as your Church, your Body - empowered and engaged in this world.**

*(a pause for personal confession)*

## **Forgiveness of Sins**

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2)

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.

## **Song of Redemption** // How Deep the Father's Love for Us

♪ **3 I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

## **Kids' Message**

### **God's Word - First Lesson** // Acts 9:36-42 ESV

36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 37 In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

### **God's Word - Epistle Lesson** // 1 John 4:7-11,19-21 ESV

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but

that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

### **Verse of the Day** // John 3:16

Alleluia! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Alleluia!

### **God's Word - Gospel Lesson** // John 15:9-17 ESV

.9 As the Father has loved me, so have I 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 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

### **Hymn of the Day** // All Praise to Him

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**♪ 1 All praise to Him the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar  
All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care**

♪ 2 All praise to Him Whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son the servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own  
All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow sin and shame  
Who lived to die Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

♪ 3 All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness  
To Father Son and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift our wills we bow  
To You the Triune God we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise

## Sermon Message

### Profession of Faith // 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Supper // Examination before Communion

P: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**All: Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.**

P: How do you know this?

**All: I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

P: Are you sorry for your sins?

**All: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

P: In whom, then, do you trust?

**All: I trust in my dear Lord Jesus Christ, the Shepherd of my soul.**

P: Who is Jesus Christ?

**C: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, true God and true man.**

P: What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?

**All: He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

P: How do you know this?

**All: I know this from the holy gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

P: Which are those words?

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."

P: We pray, O Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember Your gracious sacrifice in history, Your presence with us now, and Your coming again at the end of time. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## Lord's Supper // Distribution

P: And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus strengthen you and keep you in His grace unto life eternal. Amen.

## Offering // Blessing

## Closing Praise // God Loves Me Dearly

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♪ **1 God loves me dearly,  
grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
loves even me.**

♪ **Refrain:  
Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
loves even me.**

♪ **3 He sent forth Jesus,  
my dear Redeemer,  
he sent forth Jesus  
and set me free.  
Refrain**

♪ **5 Now I will praise you,  
O Love eternal;  
I will praise you  
all my life long.**

**Refrain (2x)**