

Acts 10:34-48 NIV

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached — ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen — by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

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1 John 5:1-8 NIV

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his

commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

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John 15:9-17 NIV

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other."

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I Have Called YOU FRIENDS



JOHN 15:15

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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L: In the night that our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

(for those allergic to wine, grape juice is in the red cups)

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: Amen

BENEDICTION

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L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace!

R: Amen.

L: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

R: Thanks be to God. Amen!

HYMN #390

I Love to Tell the Story

POSTLUDE:

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Prelude: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus", arr. G.Krapf. c1982 The Sacred Music Press.

"Jesus Loves Me", arr. W. Held. c1993 Augsburg Fortress.

Communion: "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness", arr. J. Brahms. c1953 Concordia Publishing House.

Postlude: "Toccata in E Minor", by J. Pachelbel. c1947 Mercury Music Corporation.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me he who died, heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. **[Refrain]**

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **[Refrain]**

HOLY BAPTISM 10:30only

Brooklynn Nicole Nuyen

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

R: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God.

L: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

KYRIE



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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord **R: Lord, have mercy.**

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

R: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

R: LORD, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **R: Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE



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R: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – (See back cover)

HYMN #299 v.1-4, 7

Dear Christians, One and All

SERMON

L: We confess our faith: Apostles' Creed

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R: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(each petition ends) L: Lord in your mercy **R: Hear our prayer**

L: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray. **R: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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R: 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all: unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.