

The Worship of God

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Call to Worship

Come now, it is time for worship...

Let us worship the Risen Christ,
the One in whom the fullness of God dwelt...
who reconciled all things.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain...

to receive power and wealth...
and wisdom and strength...
and honor and glory and praise.

Forever and ever...

forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Silent Meditation

It may be said in all truth that the pure in heart see God and, at the same time, that no one has ever seen God. In fact that part of his nature that is invisible becomes visible through the energies that are thus revealed about his nature.

-Gregory of Nyssa

Hymn

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, and thy beauty fills my soul,
for by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

Refrain:

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. *[Refrain]*

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
and thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
and surrounds me with its blessings: thine is love indeed. *[Refrain]*

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. *[Refrain]*

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-31

The Word of the Lord for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

**Show me your ways, O Lord.
Teach me your paths, Holy One;
lead me in truth, the source of salvation.
I wait for Thee. I wait for Thee.
I wait. I wait. Amen**

Sermon

Prayer of Trust

Lord Jesus, after having given your life on the cross,
you entered the glory of the Father.

Allow all people to share in your risen life.

You are with us always, until the end of time.

Strengthen our faith by your presence in our midst.

Renew our faithfulness by your Holy Spirit.

Make us witnesses to your love.

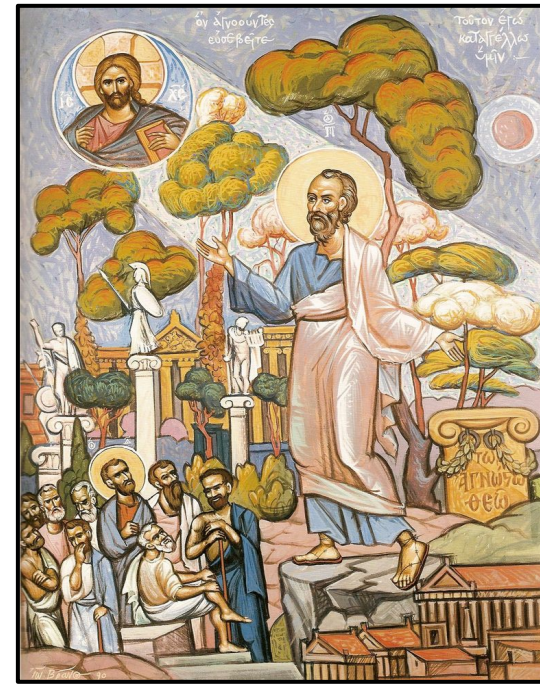
O Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

Benediction

**Go in peace, live in grace,
trust in the arms that will hold you.**

**Go in peace, live in grace,
trust God's love.**



Holy Apostle Paul

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