



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Living By Faith

May 9, 2021

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prelude on the tune "Beach Spring"
Recorded by the Bell Choir on May 1.

Arr. Kevin McChesney

OPENING SENTENCES

Though your love is burning within us
we do not see you on the road, Jesus.

**Open our eyes and our ears,
open our hearts and increase our faith.**

How can we understand
unless someone guides us?

**Send us out rejoicing,
as we have been saved through your grace;
and not through our own works.**

It is no longer I who live
but it is Christ who lives in me.

We are all your children through faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Jesus, din søte forening å smake"

Traditional Norwegian

(sung in Norwegian and English): Hear us, Lord Jesus, we know thou wilt hear us; nor need our voices ascend far away. Thou art about us, beside us, within us; thou dost attend when we earnestly pray. Love us, Lord Jesus, we know thou wilt love us; we are your children, we turn unto thee; for all about us, within us, above us, proof of thine infinite kindness we see.

NARRATIVE READING

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

Today's narrative reading is from the book of Galatians:

^{1:13}You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

^{2:11}But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; ¹²for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. ¹³And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Thanks Be to God"

Christoph von Gluck

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us proclaim the faith that we share:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We gather our prayers using a sung response

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.



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Each petition concludes:
[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Toccatà on "Day of Delight"

Mark Sedio

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