

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter
May 21, 2020
10 AM

Gathering Song: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!
2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to bring me safely there.

Text: LM; based on Job 19:25; Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: John Hatton, c. 1710–1793.

First Reading - Acts 18:1-8

Paul stayed with them and worked and entered into discussions in the synangogue.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus,
who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla
because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome.

He went to visit them and, because he practiced the same trade,
stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.

Every sabbath, he entered into discussions in the synagogue,
attempting to convince both Jews and Greeks.

When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia,
Paul began to occupy himself totally with preaching the word,
testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

When they opposed him and reviled him,
he shook out his garments and said to them,
“Your blood be on your heads!

I am clear of responsibility.

From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

So he left there and went to a house

belonging to a man named Titus Justus, a worshiper of God;

his house was next to a synagogue.
Crispus, the synagogue official, came to believe in the Lord
along with his entire household, and many of the Corinthians
who heard believed and were baptized.

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - John 16:16-20

You will grieve, but your grief will become joy.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“A little while and you will no longer see me,
and again a little while later and you will see me.”

So some of his disciples said to one another,

“What does this mean that he is saying to us,
‘A little while and you will not see me,
and again a little while and you will see me,’
and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?”

So they said, “What is this ‘little while’ of which he speaks?
We do not know what he means.”

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them,
“Are you discussing with one another what I said,
‘A little while and you will not see me,
and again a little while and you will see me’?”

Amen, amen, I say to you,
you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices;
you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sending Forth Song *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him, When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Text: Revelation 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898

