

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer Service

May 9, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn – “We Walk by Faith”

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear from him
who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice;
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare

ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant continues

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Jubilate *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

All **Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

All **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

All **Alleluia.**

Psalm 98 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

All **His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.**

Officiant The Lord has made known his victory;
 he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

All **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

Officiant All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

All **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Officiant Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

***All* With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

Officiant Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

All **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy.**

Officiant At the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

All **He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb (*said responsively by whole verse*)

Officiant Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,

All **For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;**

Officiant And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

All **From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

Officiant And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,

All **Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 21: You are God *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant You are God: we praise you;
 You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
 You are the eternal Father:
 All creation worships you.

All **To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Officiant The glorious company of apostles praise you.
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

All **Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

Officiant You, Christ, are the king of glory,
 the eternal Son of the Father.
 When you became man to set us free
 you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
 You overcame the sting of death
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

All **You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

The Gospel John 15:9-17

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon.....Ginnie Glassman

Apostles' Creed

All **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 to the dead.**

**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.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant and People*)

All **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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
All **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Love of God”Jeff Lippencott

Collect

Officiant O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

Reader O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessional Prayer

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to

those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Reader We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Steve, Maggie, David, Joanne, Tom, Stephen, Theresa, Sebastian, and Leslie.

Reader We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of Beebe, Charles, Maria, Ethel, William, Charles, Paulina, Luzon, Jean, Sylvia, and John.

Officiant I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

Officiant prays for all prayer requests.

Officiant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

All **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

***All* Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Holy Father, Great Creator”

Holy Father, great Creator,
source of mercy, love, and peace,
look upon the Mediator,
clothe us with his righteousness;
heavenly Father, heavenly Father,
through the Savior hear and bless.

Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,
whom angelic hosts proclaim,
while we hear thy wondrous story,
meet and worship in thy Name,
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,
in our hearts thy peace proclaim.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
come with unction from above,
touch our hearts with sacred fire,
fill them with the Savior's love.
Source of comfort, Source of comfort,
cheer us with the Savior's love.

God the Lord, through every nation
let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation
every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah,
form our hearts and make them thine.