

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020  
10:00 AM Service  
Holy Communion



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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *The Peace May Be Exchanged* *D. Locklair*

*Symbols in the Bulletin:* **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader

**THE GATHERING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* H657 vs 1,2

***Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.***

***Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.***

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## THE GATHERING PRAYER

- P** We gather in the name of our Easter God:  
**C** **Our Risen Lord transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.**
- P** We rejoice in the power of our Easter God:  
**C** **Our Father's love redeems every Good Friday nightmare into the promise of eternal life.**
- P** We embrace the purposes of our Easter God:  
**C** **The Holy Spirit challenges us to leave tomb-like safety and invites us to live our faith boldly.**
- P** We are Easter people:  
**C** **We are a sign that indeed miracles happen, and that with God, all things are possible.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

H. 525 vs 1, 2

***The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.***

***Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray...  
Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 • Psalm 66: 14-18 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21

### The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Ecclesiastes chapter 4.*

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their hard work. If either should fall, one can pick up the other. But how miserable are those who fall and don't have a companion to help them up! Also, if two lie down together, they can stay warm. But how can anyone stay warm alone? Also, one can be overpowered, but two together can put up resistance. A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm 66

Tune: *O for a Thousand Tongues*

***Lord, I will come into your house  
And pay my vows to you,  
which, when I was in misery,  
I promised I would do;***

***And I will bring you bulls and goats,  
An offering savory;  
Come, you who fear the Lord, and hear  
what God has done for me.***

***I cried aloud to God in prayer  
and praised God constantly;  
If I held evil in my heart,  
God would reject my plea.***

***Yet God, indeed, has heard my prayer,  
and listened to my plea;  
Bless God who never fails to hear,  
or love me faithfully.***

## The Second Reading:

**L** *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Peter, chapter 3...*

Who will harm you if you are zealous for good? But happy are you, even if you suffer because of righteousness! Don't be terrified or upset by them. Instead, regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it. Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience. Act in this way so that those who malign your good lifestyle in Christ may be ashamed when they slander you. It is better to suffer for doing good (if this could possibly be God's will) than for doing evil.

Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit. And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at God's right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Celtic Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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## The Gospel

📖 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

🎵 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

📖 [Jesus said,] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

“I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Cindy Roehl

SERMON HYMN

*Praise the Spirit in Creation*

Tune: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

***Praise the Spirit in creation,  
breath of God, life’s origin:  
Spirit, moving on the waters,  
quickenings worlds to life within,  
source of breath to all things breathing,  
life in whom all lives begin.***

***Praise the Spirit, close companion  
of our inmost thoughts and ways;  
who, in showing us God’s wonders,  
is himself the power to gaze;  
and God’s will, to those who listen  
by a still small voice conveys.***

***Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,  
praise the Father, praise the Word,  
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,  
Trinity in deep accord:  
through your voice which speaks with in us  
we your creatures, call you Lord.***

## THE NICENE CREED

**☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- ☩ Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered all people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.**
- ℣ Risen Lord, we pray for your Church, that it may continue your work of reconciling all people to God; for our clergy and our bishops; for the many lay people who serve the church and serve others through the church.**
- ☩ We pray for all gathered in worship and prayer, here and around the world.**
- ℣ Risen Lord, we pray that the joy of Easter may ever grow within us and the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may cease.**
- ☩ We pray that a passion for justice, peace, and the common good will fill each of our hearts, and for the Spirit to guide us in lives of active faith.**
- ℣ Risen Lord, we pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, [especially for... *add names from notebook*]. Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] Comfort, restore and heal them.**
- ☩ We pray that the troubles facing us will teach us that we endure nothing alone, but that you are always present, creating, redeeming and sustaining us every step of our journey through life.**

℣ Risen Lord, we give thanks for the multitude of gifts you shower upon us, for the beauty of this home you have created for us, for medical workers, first responders and all who work on the frontlines to care for and heal the sick, and for all the blessings of this life. Grant us a sense of joy and wonder in all your works.

☩ **We give thanks for our lives and the lives of our families, friends, and neighbors near and far, and praise you for your mercy and care for us.**

℣ Risen Lord, we pray for those who have died, [especially for... *add names from notebook.*] Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] May the hope born of Easter give both them and us peace, acceptance and renewal.

☩ **Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a heart full of gladness.

#### THE OFFERTORY

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

E. Thiman

#### THE PRESENTATION

℣ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

***May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.***

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [Enriching Our Worship 1]

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with Angels and Archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

**P** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

**P** Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

**P** On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."





**THE CHANT**

*Seek Ye First*

***See ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;***

***Allelu, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia***

***Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek,  
and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;***

***Allelu, Alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia***

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray...

**G** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

**P** The God who is creating a new heaven and a new earth, who walks where least expected, who disturbs the comfortable and comforts the distressed, and whom death could not control, now sends you out to announce with your lives that the Lord is risen indeed. Go, you are blessed in the name of our Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**THE SENDING HYMN**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

H 344

***Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.***

***Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;***

***so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.***

## THE DISMISSAL

**P** Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Risen Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Air*

E. Thiman

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Carey Cherivtch
Lector	Leslie Kulikauskas
Prayers of the People	Lynne Henderson