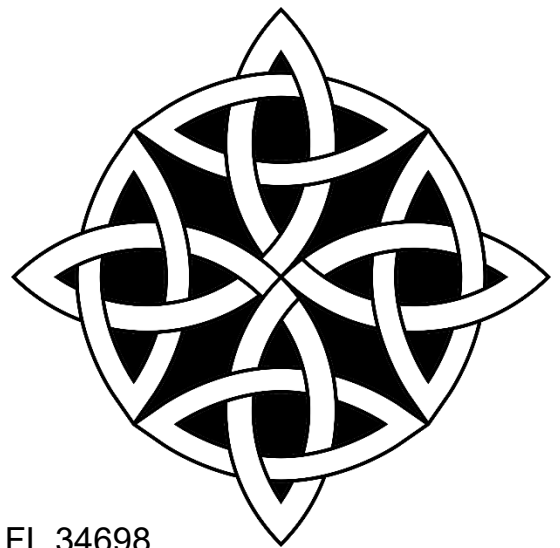


# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite One



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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*Symbols used in the bulletin:* [P] Priest [C] Congregation [L] Lector]

**PRELUDE**

*The Peace May Be Exchanged*

D. Locklair

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OPENING 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 GLORIA

- G** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.
- O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** And with thy Spirit.
- 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.
- G** 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

- L** *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.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

- ℣ We will read responsively from Psalm 66...
- ℣ Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- ☩ **I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.**
- ℣ If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
- ☩ **But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**
- ℣ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

## The Second Reading:

- ℣ *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.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel:

- ℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
- ☩ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

- ℣ [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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## 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

**☩** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

**℟** Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Risen Lord,

**☩ we pray to you.**

**℟** Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese: St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; St. Edmund's, Arcadia; and Christ Church, Bradenton; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Risen Lord,

**☩ we pray to you.**

**℟** And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Risen Lord,

**☩ we pray to you.**

**L** We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. Risen Lord,

**C** **we pray to you.**

**L** And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*read handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] Risen Lord,

**C** **we pray to you.**

**L** Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. Risen Lord,

**C** **we pray to you.**

**L** And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Risen Lord,

**C** **we pray to you.**

**L** Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**D** Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a gladsome heart.

### THE OFFERTORY

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

E. Thiman

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

**D** As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:

**C** **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, 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. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**C** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**P** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

**P** For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**P** Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

**P** Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**☞ And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

**☞** By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**☞ AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**☞** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**☞ 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.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**☞** Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread.

**☞ We come with joy to meet our Lord.**

**☞** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**☞** Let us pray.

**☞ Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.

**A** Amen.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**A** 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
Lector	Cheryl Sharpe
Prayers of the People	Miriam Benitez-Nixon