



The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14th ~ 10am

Welcome to all, especially new comers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our greeters, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home.

All the material you will need is in this booklet, and the hymn-book.

About the Holy Eucharist: All are welcome to receive communion with us today!

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

#8 ~ *Morning has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation, of the new day!

Preparing to hear God's Word

The Priest greets the congregation

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed.**

Priest: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Let us pray

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

People: **Lord Have Mercy.
Christ Have Mercy.
Lord Have Mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One:
you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, + Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

The Collect

Priest: 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. *Amen.*

People: **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (Let us read it responsively)

Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 **Who holds our souls in life, ***
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 **You brought us into the snare; ***
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings**
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 **Come and listen, all you who fear God, ***
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 **If I had found evil in my heart, ***
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, ***
nor withheld his love from me.

The New Testament

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting

for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

#292 ~ *O Jesus, Crown with all Renown*

O Jesus, crowned with all renown, since thou the earth hast trod,
thou reignest and by thee come down henceforth the gifts of God.
Thine is the health and thine the wealth that in our halls abound,
and thine the beauty and the joy with which the years are crowned.

Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be given;
all fostering power, all influence sweet, breathe from the bounteous heaven.
Attemper fair with gentle air the sunshine and the rain,
that kindly earth with timely birth may yield her fruits again:

that we may feed the poor aright, and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angel's sight, repay thee of thine own:
That we may praise thee all our days, and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts, the Savior's love proclaim.

Priest sings: the Gospel Alleluia

The Cantor sings:

Those who love me will keep my word,
we will come to them and make our home with them.

People sing: Alleluia as above.

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: and also with you.

The Gospel
John 14:15-21

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd. Dr. Paul Dalzell

Responding to the Word of God

Nicene Creed & Intercession

Priest Let us affirm our faith in the Words of the 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 whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and was made truly human.
 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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
 who 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.

Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray for the world and for the Church. (*sit or kneel*)

Prayers of the People, Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
 you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially our Presiding
 Bishop Michael, our Bishops Alan and Carol, our priest Paul, and the
 wardens, vestry, and delegates. Be present in ordering the life of this
 and every congregation.
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
 world; especially Joe, our president, and Maura, our governor, that
 they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and
 peace of the world.
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Carol L. Cox, Departed Members of the Auger Family, Frances Tranfaglia, Martin & Nora Casey, George & Etta Hannigan, Nora Morrissey, and Gwendolyn Fairchild.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader We now pray silently for those on our prayer list this week: Elin Babin, David Bell, Paul Brophy, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Janet Dunton, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Rick LeClair, Rachel Lesch, Robert Long, Melissa McSheffery, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Trudy Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, William Muise, Sara Murray, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Julie Stewart, Meghan Tapley, Walter, and Rachel.

Are there others?

Priest Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

People: **Grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may, by your grace receive
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

A time of Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

People: **Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord**

Priest: Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in
faith + pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal
life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Priest says:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

People: **His Spirit is with us.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us greet one another with the sign of God's peace.

The members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Doxology *

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The gifts of the people and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
through your goodness we have this bread to offer
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
through your goodness we have this wine to offer
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you Lord God our Father,
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your reign.

People: Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honor be yours always and everywhere,
Mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your son
Our savior, Jesus Christ,

Who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
And lived as one of us
By his death on the cross
He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
And obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
And now we give you thanks
That you raised him to life triumphant,
And exalted him to glory.
By his victory over death
The reign of sin is ended,
A new day dawned
A broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
And with all the company of heaven,
We proclaim your great and glorious name
For ever praising you and singing.

**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.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honor and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
and 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

Priest: As this broken bread was many grains
which have been gathered together and made one bread

People: so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" Let all who hear come! Let all who thirst come! Take these gifts knowing that Christ died for you, and now, risen from the dead gives himself to you, and feed on him with all your heart. Come!

This is the Lord's table, and all are welcome here.

Responding to the Eucharist

The following sentence is said.

Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, the one who wants to come to the Father, must come through me"

The Priest says the following prayer:

Father Almighty,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for-ever.

People: **Father,**
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and Glory. Amen.

The announcements are shared

The Priest pronounces the blessing: the People stand

The God of peace who brought again from the dead,
our Lord, Jesus Christ the great shepherd of the sheep
through the blood of the everlasting covenant
make you perfect in every good thing to do God's will,
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight.
and the +blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy spirit be
among you and remain with you forever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Our worship in Church is over, our worship in the World now begins:
We go into the world to walk in God's light
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.
Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn

#376 ~ *Joyful joyful, We adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Announcement

Yard Sale

Donations for the yard sale may be dropped off during regular business hours (Tuesday through Friday), or after worship on Sundays. We also need volunteers to help sort items – please contact the office if you can lend a hand. Thank you for your support!

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Ray Mears, Worship Leader & Julia Aston, L.E.M.

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