

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth RI

Spiritually Connecting from our Homes and Hearts

Morning Prayer, Rite Two



Opening Acclamation

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Opening Song: Be Thou My Vision (*Hymnal #488*)

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics for the first three staves are as follows:

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics for the fourth staff are:

all else be sought to me, save that thou art -
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

The third staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics for the fifth staff are:

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

The fourth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics for the sixth staff are:

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Christ our Passover

Sung by all

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die
In Christ's new life, shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm 66: Let All the Earth by Steven Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

Let all the earth cry out, cry out to God with joy!

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Psalm 66:7-18

Verses from the Book of Common Prayer

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

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.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
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 Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Lector: 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 Gospel: John 14:15-21

A reading from the Gospel According to John.

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."

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Homily

The Rev. Jennifer L. Pedrick

Meditation Song: Your Love is Extravagant by Darrell Evans

The Apostles' Creed

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

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.**

The Suffrages

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

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. *Amen.*

Prayers, Intercessions and Thanksgivings

L: Jesus, you promise to live alongside us, and with God's love and Spirit to dwell within us. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Guard and guide your church, especially St. Mary's as we seek to share your Risen Life and love.

Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

B: Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, bless all who work at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, strengthen all who provide our food from the farms to the grocery stores, for all in the church who nourish us with your word...

Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

L: Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, give wisdom and insight to our scientific communities, give immunity to our essential workers, and give patience for all who wait and pray from their homes.

We pray for the members of our church who are serving in medical and nursing facilities and for their families: Karen Stevenson, Sheila Benevides, Amanda Benevides, Trish Culver, Leigh Knapman, Cory Thurston Lallo, Sara Lundberg, Sue Hall, Hugh Hall, Steve Bakios, and Elaine Bakios.

Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

B: Jesus, you go before us, you prepare a place for us and you heal us. We pray for those who need your care and our support remembering especially: Regina, Priscilla, Judith, Dave, Bonnie, Fran, Tom, Carol, Michael

and Cassie; for the Naval Chaplain School and its instructors; for those we name aloud. (Pause.)

Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

L: Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, give us courage to acknowledge the challenges of this time, to name all that has been lost, and to follow you on the Way.

We pray for all those who are grieving a loss of any kind.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us.

B: Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for those who rest in your peace, and for all the departed. For those we remember aloud. (Pause)

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.

A Prayer of God's Friendship

by John Philip Newell, Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter

Officiant and People

Early in the morning we seek your presence, O God,
not because you are ever absent from us
but because often we are absent from you
at the heart of each moment
where you forever dwell.

In the rising of the sun,
in the unfolding color and shape of the morning
open our eyes to the mystery of this moment
that in every moment
we may know your life-giving presence.
Open our eyes to this moment
That in every moment
we may know you as the One who is always now. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant God who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Closing Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful (*Hymnal #405*)

Doscent

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,
Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - de flower that o - pens, each lit - de bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings,
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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