

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship for May 9, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Music

Opening Sentence of Scripture

One Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last, says the Lord – the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

(Revelation 1:17-18)

Hymn – O Jesus, crowned with all renown (*Kingsfold*) – *The Hymnal 1982* #292

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

One Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Many **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

One Holy One, open our lips.
Many **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One Let us pray Psalm 98 together, responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing a new song to God, *
who has done marvelous things.
- ² **With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, ***
you have won for yourself the victory.
- ³ You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴ **You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁶ **Sing to God with the harp, ***
with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn, *
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.
- ⁸ **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ***
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰ **God shall judge the world in righteousness ***
and the peoples with equity.

At the end of the Psalm is said

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from The First Letter of 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.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Glory to God

Glory to God Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.*

At the end of the Canticle is said

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.

A Reading from The Gospel of John (15:9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Many **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon by The Very Rev'd. S. Chadwick Vaughn

The Nicene Creed

All together

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.*

The Prayers

One Let us now pray in the words our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us.

<i>Many</i>	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. <i>Amen.</i>
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One Our Lord lives, for death has no more power over him.
And so we, God's holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another.
May our lives proclaim:

Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim:
Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Liberated from sin and death by water and Spirit, we pray for those who do not share our hope,
that they may proclaim:
Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Sharing in the joy of the newly baptized, we pray for their growth unto the full stature of Christ,
that they may proclaim:
Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial,
we pray for courage and strength, that those who suffer may proclaim:
Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have died
in the hope of the resurrection we proclaim:
Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

The Collect of the Day

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings now follow either silently or aloud.

A General Thanksgiving

All together

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make Christ known;
and through Christ, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

Hymn – Sing, my soul, his wondrous love (*St. Bees*) – *The Hymnal 1982* #467

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

A Closing Prayer

Holy One, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and doubts and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Many **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**