



Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

May 17, 2020

Online Worship

Opening Hymn

This is My Father's World

Hymnal #651

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees
of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought*

*This is our Father's world, oh, let us not forget
That though the wrong is great and strong, God is our father yet.
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair,
All earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.*

Opening Acclamation: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
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.**

Song of Praise

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * **praise him and highly exalt him forever.**
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * **praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,* all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, * **praise him and highly exalt him forever.**
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, * O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,* **praise him and highly exalt him forever.**
Let the earth glorify the Lord, * **praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth,*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams* All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him forever.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,* **praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, * **praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the people all praise you,

and let everything that can sing bless your Name, O Lord,

for you are the God of all creation.

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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.**

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [17:22-31]

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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18 Jubilate Deo

You may read the psalm together, or you may take turns alternating between the plain and bold text.

- 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 Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John [14:15-21]

Glory to you Lord Christ

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayers of the People

Members of each household may take turns reading these prayers.

In thanksgiving and praise for the beauty and abundance of our universe, let us pray to our gracious God, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the wind . . .

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection, especially through the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Douglas, our Interim Priest Judith, and all bishops, priests and deacons.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community and in hope that God may strengthen our bonds even while we must be apart, and guide us in preparing to call a new Rector

Let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, we offer our own gardens and the seeds of hope and compassion that we plant in our lives, that he may provide for our landscapers, farmers, and food supplies, and for those who are isolated and have lost their jobs and income.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our freedom and in hope that by his power, we may know how to respond to disease and famine through all the world,

Let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially the victims of COVID-19 and their families and caregivers, and to those we name silently or aloud *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may enfold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those who have died alone and those we name silently or aloud,
Pause Let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

Let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior

Collect:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You make the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things, seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and for building up. Be with us now and bless the work of those who labor in the fields. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn: *God of the Sparrow* Hymnal #487

1. God of the sparrow / God of the whale / God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe / How does the creature say Praise
 2. God of the earthquake / God of the storm / God of the trumpet blast

- How does the creature cry Woe / How does the creature cry Save*
- 3. God of the rainbow / God of the cross / God of the empty grave*
How does the creature say Grace / How does the creature say Thanks
- 4. God of the hungry / God of the sick / God of the prodigal*
How does the creature say Care / How does the creature say Life
- 5. God of the neighbor / God of the foe / God of the pruning hook /*
How does the creature say Love / How does the creature say Peace
- 6. God of the ages / God near at hand God of the loving heart*
How do your children say Joy / How do your children say Home

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We have lifted them up to the Lord.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me. As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.

Gathered in our own homes, as your children, we are made one body in Jesus Christ, Who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come. We share in offering our gifts of bread and wine, and we offer to you our lives—all that we are, have been, and will become.

Pour out your Spirit upon this offering, that it may draw us together in one Spirit. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **The Lord's Prayer**

*As the Priest breaks the consecrated bread, participants break their bread at home and say:
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.*

**We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup
All share the bread and wine.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, by the power of your Word you created all things, and by your Spirit you renew the earth. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, and nourish with the spiritual food of bread and wine all who hunger for you, that our lives may bear the abundant fruit of your heavenly reign; through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.

Blessing:

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you; and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be with you always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn *Alleluia! Hearts and voices* Hymnal #191

*Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*

Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!