# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023



Trinity Church Jacksonville, Illinois

#### **PRELUDE**

This Is My Father's World

Shephard / Hobby

# The Word of God

The Bell is rung; all stand for the Entrance Hymn.

# **Entrance Rite**

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen) (H 400), vss, 1, 5 & 7

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

# **COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)**

#### The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.





## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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, <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.'

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>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.

# **PSALM: Psalm 66:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; \*
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
<sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life, \*
and will not allow our feet to slip.

<sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; \* you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare; \*

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; \*

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; \*

I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God, \* and I will tell you what he has done for me.

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, \* and his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart, \* the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me; \*
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \* nor withheld his love from me.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>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; <sup>16</sup>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. 
<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 
<sup>18</sup>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, 
<sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 
<sup>20</sup>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. 
<sup>21</sup>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, 
<sup>22</sup>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.

#### All stand.

**Cantor** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. *People* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Cantor** The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people: alleluia.

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things:

and to enter into his glory.

People Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

15If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This 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.

18I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21They 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

#### THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 326)

#### All stand.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 328)

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

#### All kneel.

**Lector:** Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: 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. Lord in thy mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Brian, Michael, Justin, Carlos, and Zachary, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord in thy mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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. Lord in thy mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially our President Joseph, our Governor JB, Cail, Courtland, Levi, Nolan, Rankin, and Thomas, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

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. Lord in thy mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Bob, Marley, John, Adam, and Allison. Lord in thy mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor James, Mary Ellen, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Dorothy, Eileen, and Lucile, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

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

# **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)**

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16* 

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

# THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# The Holy Communion

# **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)**

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50:14* 

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

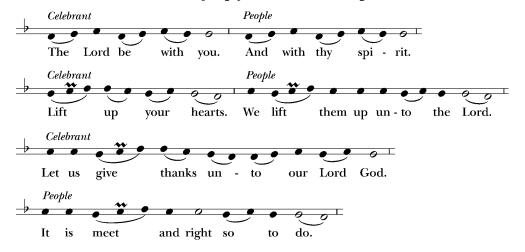
I Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy H. Hopson

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

As those of old their first fruits brought (Forest Green) (H 705)

# The Great Thanksgiving

#### SURSUM CORDA S 112 Lift up your hearts (BCP p. 333)



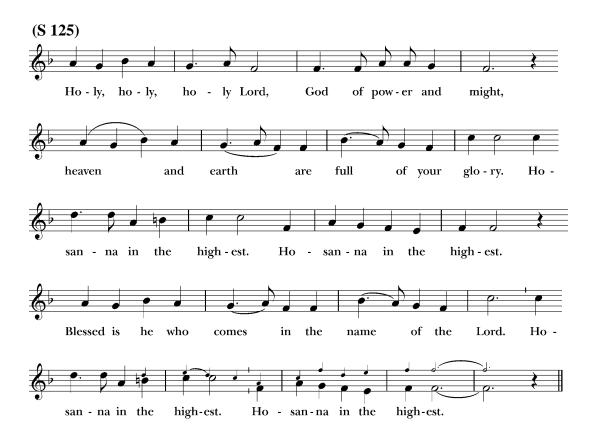
#### PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)

## Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting 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,



#### THE CANON OF THE MASS (BCP p. 334)

The people kneel or stand.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

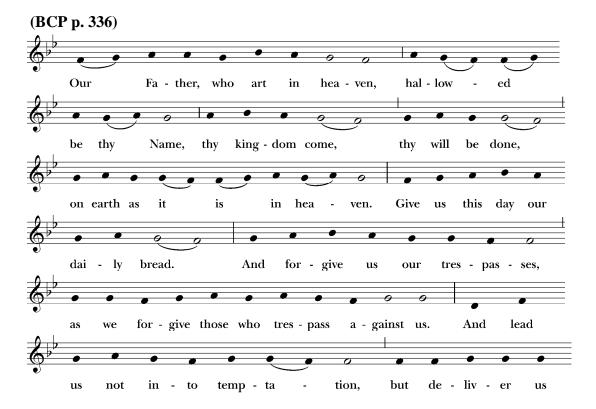
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

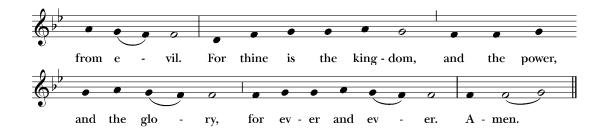
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

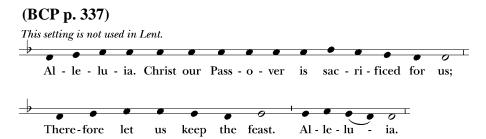
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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





# The Breaking of the Bread



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

# **INVITATION (BCP p. 338)**

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney) (H 516)

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

#### The People may join in saying this prayer

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*.

#### BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

All stand.

## DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

The spacious firmament on high (Creation) (H 409)

# **POSTLUDE**

Andante con moto Johann Kindermann

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#### INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

#### The Church

The Diocese of Springfield Brian, Bishop-elect

The Episcopal Church Michael, Presiding Bishop

The Church of England Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Region of Arequipa (Peru) Carlos, Vicar

The Church of the Province of West Africa

Trinity Church (Jacksonville) Zachary, Rector

Ng'ambo Parish (Tanzania)

The Missions of St. Patrick & St. Mark (Peru)

#### **Birthday**

Bob Underbrink (5/15) Marley Van Aken (5/15) John Clancy (5/18)

# Wedding

Adam & Allison Scott (5/14)

## For those who suffer from any sickness or distress

James Mary Ellen

# Those on active military duty and in law enforcement

Levi Haley Nolan Tighe Samuel Rankin Weller Cail Lang Thomas Ramsay Courtland Woodruff

#### The Departed

Dorothy Eileen Lucile

#### MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Rev. Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant

Organist: Mary Wilson
Lector: Cathy Nelson
Acolyte: Cail Lang

Altar Guild: Janet Mitchell, Alice Tracey, Paula Woods

Ushers: John Clancy

Coffee Hour: Skip & Jo Ann Nelson

#### The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Dorothy Ryan, Eileen Kennedy & Lucile Worrall

"May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory."

Tuesday, May 16: 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, May 17: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 18: **Ascension Day** (Principal Feast)

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 21: **The Seventh Sunday of Easter** (Feast of our Lord)

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist 10:00 am The Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Church School

Morning Prayer is said at 10 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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