Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018, 10:00 am

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.



Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, or in memory of someone you love. The suggested donation is \$50. To arrange, please contact Mary in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. The season is marked with white vestments, extra candles, the presence of the paschal candle near the altar, and at the 10am service, sung parts for the Great Thanksgiving. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.

The Word of God

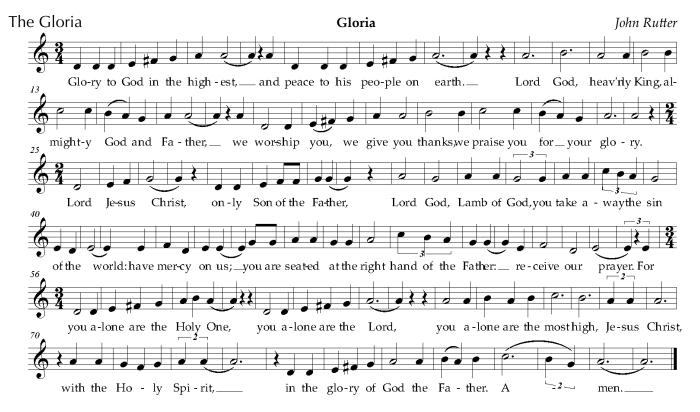
Prelude Récit tendre pour le Nazard, Fugue G. Corrette Processional Hymn Come, We that Love the Lord FESTAL SONG the let_our joys song with Come we love Lord, and be known; ioin those re - fuse sing that nev - er knew our God; but chil dren glo ce - les The heirs grace have found ry__ be - gun be low; tial fruits of on Then bound and let our tears be dry; we're march-ing through Em let song a cord and the throne. thus round sweet ac sur speak_ heav'n ly King may their broad. joys a earth ly ground from faith_ and hope may grow. man uel's ground to fair worlds οη ĥigh.

Words: by Isaac Watts FESTAL SONG William Walter, 1894

The Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Huang **Deacon/Preacher:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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**.

Please be seated for the readings.

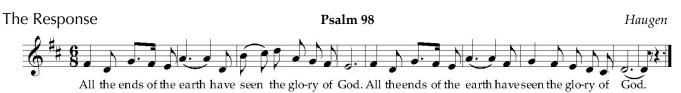
The First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

1st Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won the victory for him, his holy arm. The Lord has made his salvation known, his justice revealed to all. Remembered his kindness and faithfulness to Israel.

All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the king, the king our Lord. The Second Lesson 1 John 5:1-6

2nd Reader A Reading from the first Letter of John.

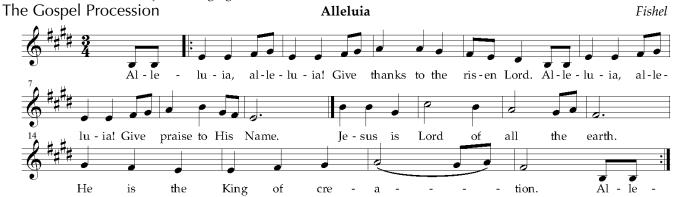
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not 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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND as able, and join in singing



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The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

As the Procession returns please join in singing the Alleluia

Please be seated for

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

(the People read the responses in **bold**)

Gracious God, after his resurrection, your Son Jesus Christ was present with his disciples for many weeks, and blessed them with peace, teaching them to love all people. As his disciples in this age, let us follow in the way of the risen Jesus with the resilient power of your love.

Grant to this family of St Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus. My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Bless all with wisdom, especially civil and religious leaders. Help us to remember that even though the future is hidden from human view your divine guidance is always available.

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know. We pray for the welfare of the world. My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Susie Allen, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Rob Fitting, Mary Louise Gordon, Mama Hill, Nancy Jacobsmeyer, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Peter Pano, Karen Pearson, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now.(*Please add your prayers* either *silently or aloud*). Your mercy endures forever.

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

We pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind and from the consequences of natural disasters. Jesus Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges. (*Please add your prayers either silently or aloud*). We give thanks for the peace of the Christ.

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially those we name to you now. (*Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.*) Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

Celebrant Let us pray.

We pray our mission statement in the power of the risen Jesus and ask for the grace to be faithful to our calling: We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen. (NEW St Francis Mission Statement 2018)

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the 50 days of the Easter season.

Please STAND, as able, for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Ubi caritas Maurice Durufle

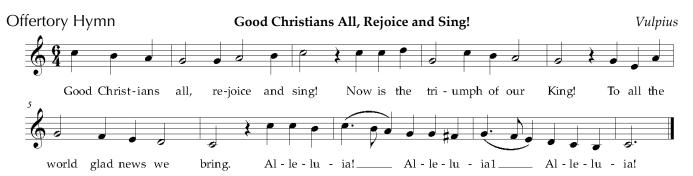
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Where true love and charity are found, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.



Words Cyril Alington (1872-1955) GELOBT SEI GOTT Melchoir Vulpius (1560?-1616)

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,

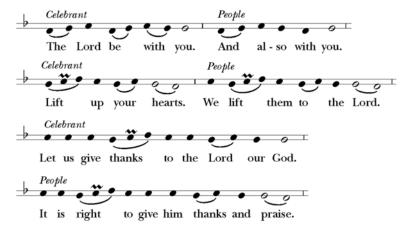
which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and

the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

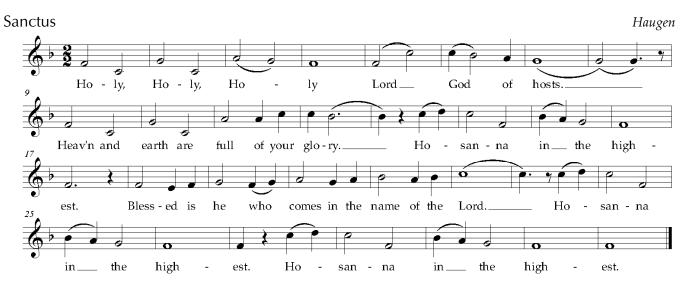
Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.



Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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The People remain standing, or kneel, as the Celebrant continues, with the People reading the words in Bold.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. You make all things and call them good. You love us into being; you form us in your image; and breathe into us the breath of life. When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast. You deliver us from captivity, and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey. In Christ you have set before us the way of life. By his baptism of suffering and death you give your church birth into a living hope.

Raising Jesus from the dead, you make a new covenant with us, by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom. We who were no people are now your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

On the night when he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, **do this for the remembrance of me**."

On the third day you raised him from the dead and revealed him to the women who came to the tomb to care for his body. On that day he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread. And so, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, and we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Lord our God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world, until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

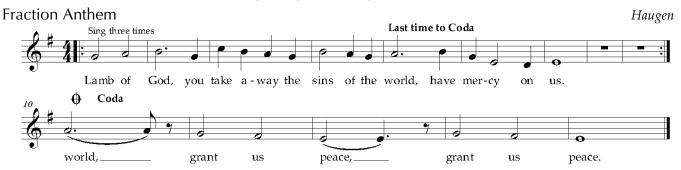
The People sing AMEN.

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Communion Music

A Communion Invitation

Craig Courtney

Come, if you are lonely, my door is open wide. All of you are welcome, come and step inside. Enter with my blessing, no one is denied. Come, sit at my table, come, sit by my side.

Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine. If you hunger, take this bread, sit with me and dine. Every weary traveler, every troubled soul, rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share, the bread we'll break together, I've lovingly prepared.

Come, if you are thirsty...

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant We send you out to share this Holy Communion with our brother/sister

People May you be guided by the Holy Spirit as you share this sacrament of Christ's presence.

Celebrant May those who share in this Communion be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have

together through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who brings new hope and a new future through his resurrection from the dead, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen, alleluia!**

Please STAND, as able, for

The Closing Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #400, vv 1-3, 7

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Festive Trumpet Tune David German

