

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



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. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.

## The Word of God

Prelude

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Theodore Dubois

### Opening Hymn

### I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Hymn #398

I sing the al-might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise, that spread the flow-ing  
I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; he formed the crea-tures  
There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes thy glo-ry known; and clouds a-rise, and  
7 seas a-broad, and built the lof-ty skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the  
with his word, and then pro-nounced them good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played wher-  
12 tem-pests blow by or-der from thy throne; while all that bor-rows life from thee is  
sun to rule the day, the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars o-bey.  
e'er I turn my eye, if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
ev-er in thy care, and ev-ry-where that I could be, thou, God, art pre-sent there.

Words Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music FOREST GREEN English folk melody. Hymn #398, The Hymnal 1982

### The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.  
All **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.**

A † 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 Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
Gospel Reader/Preacher: The Rev. Jude Lyons

The Gloria

Glory to God

John Rutter

13 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ry King, al-

25 might-y God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

40 Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin

56 of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: re - ceive our prayer. For

70 you a - lone are the Holy One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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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.**

The First Lesson Acts 17:22-31

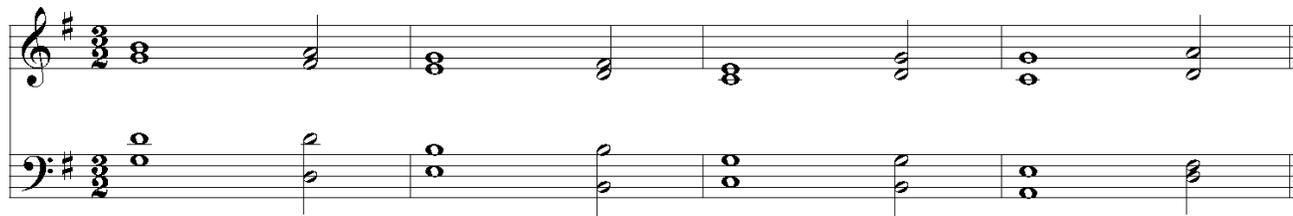
Reader: Maggie Spalding

1<sup>st</sup> Reader 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."

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.



*Be joyful, all you lands, in Gód, sing honor, glory, práise;  
Let all together say to Gód, "How awesome are your wáys.*

*Because of your great strength, O Gód, your enemies bow dówn;  
Before you all the earth bows dówn and sings your great renówn."*

*Come now and see the works of Gód, how wonderful his hánd;  
He led his people through the séa rejoicing on dry lánd.*

*His eyes keep watch above the wórld, he rules in his great míght;  
Let rebel hosts behold and féar, nor rise to test his míght.*

*Bless God, you peoples, make his práise to be heard joyfullý;  
He guides our feet and holds our sóuls in life and libertý.*

## The Second Lesson 1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader: Tommy Spalding

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A Reading from the first Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, 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; 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him

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## The Gospel Procession

## Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel John 14:15-21

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

**People 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jude Lyons

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

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.**

## The Prayers of the People

Reader: Sue Egan

*(the People read the responses in bold)*

Leader: Gracious God, you sent Jesus to guide us along right pathways that we may become the love and light that we have been created to be. Hear our prayers for your whole creation, and renew, strengthen and comfort us by your presence.

Grant to all the family of St. Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus and reaching out in new ways especially because we can't be together in person.

We pray, **Jesus is our cornerstone.**

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

We pray, **Jesus is our cornerstone.**

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, and those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know. Protect those who protect us as we pray for all in the medical professions and all essential workers. We pray for the welfare of the world.

We pray, **Jesus is our cornerstone.**

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Lisa Rieger, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, Derek Steel, and all those we name to you now...

*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud).*

Your mercy endures forever. We pray, **Jesus is our cornerstone.**

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

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges...

*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud).*

We pray, **Jesus is our cornerstone.**

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially those we name to you now...

*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud).*

We pray, **Jesus is our cornerstone.**

Celebrant Receive these prayers, O God, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new.

Nothing can separate us from your love. Let us rise up and live!

We give you thanks, God of boundless life. Amen.

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

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

# Communion Under Special Circumstances with Spiritual Communion

The Anthem

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

*Jill Lynch, Jeannie Cobb, Nathan Remillard, Lance Asuzada—quartet*

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter, that ye shall abide in me forever, e'en the Spirit of truth.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say together,

**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.**

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Closing Hymn

**Be Thou My Vision**

**Hymn #488**

Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,  
 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee, and  
 High King of heav - en, when vic - tory is won, may I reach hea - ven's joys,  
 7 save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 13 bright hea - ven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish ca 700. Music: SLANE Irish ballad melody. Hymn #488 The Hymnal 1982

Postlude: H&V Baroque Fantasie

arr. D. Knight