

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017



*Peace be to you!*

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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8:00 A.M.

Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Creating God, your fingers trace* 395 (blue book)

Opening Acclamation 355 (red book)

Hymn of Praise S 280 (front blue book)

Collect of the Day

I reading Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

II reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gradual Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* 383 (blue book)

Gospel John 14:15-21

Homily The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

Nicene Creed 358 (red book)

Prayers of the People 388 (red book)

Confession 360 (red book)

The Peace

Offertory

Presentation of Alms 380 v. 3 (blue book)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving 372 (red book)

Sursum Corda *Lift up your hearts* S 120 (front blue book)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* S 130 (front blue book)

Memorial Acclamation *We praise you* S 140 (front blue book)

Amen	S 146 (front blue book)
Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our passover</i>	S 155 (front blue book)
<i>All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".</i>	
Communion Music <i>Like the murmur of the dove's wing</i>	513 (blue book)
<i>When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to be present, they are sent at this time.</i>	
<i>Celebrant:</i> In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.	
<i>People:</i> We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.	
Post Communion Prayer	365 (red book)
Blessing	
Closing Hymn <i>All things bright and beautiful</i>	405 (blue book)
Dismissal	S 175 (front blue book)
Postlude	

## **THE COLLECT**

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.*

## **ACTS 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.”



## PSALM 66:7-18

*One measure of music is sung for each verse, changing pitch on the underlined syllable.*

- 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.

## **1 PETER 3:13-22**

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.

## **JOHN 14:15-21**

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."

### GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking  
and serving Christ in all persons.*

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## **WELCOME TO GRACE**

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** for the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.