

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MORNING PRAYER I**  
**MAY 17, 2020**



Officiant: If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

### **Confession of Sin**

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
*Silence may be kept.*

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

### **Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum**

*1 Corinthians 5:7 8; Romans 6:9 11; 1 Corinthians 15:20 22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \*  
    death hath no more dominion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \*  
    but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \*  
    but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ is risen from the dead, \*  
    and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death, \*  
    by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
    even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**Psalm 66**

Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.  
For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
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.  
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.  
Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.  
If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;  
But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    nor withheld his love from me.

## The Lessons

### Acts 17:22-31

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### The First Song of Isaiah

*Ecce, Deus*

**Surely, it is God who saves me;\***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,\***

**and he will be my savior.**

**Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing\***

**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say,\***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples;\***

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,\***

**and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,\***

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **John 14:15-21**

**Reader:** A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Song of The Redeemed**

*Magna et Mirabilia*

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done,\***  
**surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,\***  
**O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name?\***  
**for you only are the holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you,\***  
**because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Homily

*Mother Cathy Carpenter*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

### **Officiant and People**

**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.**

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

**R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

**R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

**R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

**R. As our trust is in thee.**

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

**R. Let me never be confounded.**

Officiant: 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.

**People: Amen.**

Officiant: O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## The Prayers

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ's church and the world.

We pray for the Church universal, that it may be governed by thy Spirit and that all Christians may hold fast the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe, our Rector Cathy, all bishops and ministers. We lift up in prayer the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember Grace Church in Baldwinsville, St. David's Church in Barneveld, and all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals.

We commend this nation to thy merciful care. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion. Rule the hearts and minds of all those entrusted with the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President Donald and our Governor Andrew. May they make wise decisions and take right actions for the sake of their people and for the welfare and peace of the world.

We thank thee for the splendor of creation, the beauty of the earth, and the wonder of life. We pray that we may all be good stewards of the Earth as we celebrate Earth Day this week. Look with compassion on the whole human family. We are made in thine own image and redeemed through thy Son. Guide the peoples of the world into the way of justice and truth. Take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, and unite us in bonds of love.

May thy presence and power be known throughout this land. May mutual regard sustain our civic life. Help us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression so that peace may prevail with righteousness and justice. Show us the way when we are in the wilderness. Grant us minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve. We commend to thy care our homes and neighborhoods, and our places of work, study, recreation, and worship, especially our parish families of Jack & Barbara Allen, and Elaine & Greg Ceresko. Guide our lives so that we may manifest thy love to everyone among whom we live.

We pray for the sick, the aged and infirm, and all who suffer, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Elaina Renfrew, Evelyn Mercer, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Ruth Ziemer, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Howard, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Justine, Debbie, Eleanor, Lynne, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Abigail, Bill, Erin, Penny, our service members and their families and those we now name, silently or aloud. We entrust all who are dear to us to thy neverfailing care and love.

We pray for those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, especially Kathy, and those whom we now name silently or aloud. Grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

**People:**     **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### **Officiant and People**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Officiant:**     Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Officiant:**     Let us bless the Lord.

**People:**       **Thanks be to God.**

**Officiant:**     May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 3:20*

**People:**       **Amen.**