THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Opening hymn The spacious firmament on high 409 (hymnal)

Penitential Rite 351 (prayer book)

Gloria S278 (hymnal)

Collect of the Day 225 (prayer book)

I reading— Acts 10:44-48

Reader: A reading from Acts.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

II reading—1 John 5:1-6

Reader: A reading from First 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel— John 15:9-17

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

People: Glory to you, O 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
The Nicene Creed		358 (prayer book)
Prayers of the People–Form 3		387 (prayer book)
Anthem	Morning has broken	8 (hymnal)
The Lord's Prayer		364 (prayer book)
The Peace		360 (prayer book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn Praise to the Lord the almighty 390 (hymnal)
Dismissal 366 (prayer book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—FORM 3

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; In our parish we pray for Jack & Barbara Allen, Elaine & Greg Ceresko

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and DeDe our Bishop. *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Dottie Carrie, Peter Coyne, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jayce Diaz, Merle Geisler, Judy Murray, Judy Wolf, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Joyce, Mary, Bev, Joe, and Frank.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Bob Coulter,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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