

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**MAY 14, 2023**

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Prelude

Opening Hymn *The spacious firmament on high* 409 (blue book)*This service is livestreamed to the parish FB page*

Opening Acclamation 355 (red book)

Collect for Purity 355 (red book)

Gloria *Glory to God in the highest* S280 (blue book)

Collect of the Day 225 (red book)

I Reading— Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66: 7-18 (*read responsively at the half verse*) 674 (red book)

2 Reading— 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gradual Hymn *Morning has broken* 8 (blue book)

Gospel— John 14:15-21

Homily

Nicene Creed 358 (red book)

Prayers of the People Form III 387 (red book)

Confession of Sin 360 (red book)

The Peace 360 (red book)

Announcements

Preparation of the Table *Great is thy faithfulness* 14 (purple book)

The Great Thanksgiving —Prayer A 361 (red book)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord,* S129 (blue book)At the Breaking of the Bread *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia* S154 (blue book)

The Lord's Prayer 364 (red book)

Communion

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead please cross your arms across your chest.

Post-Communion Prayer		366 (red book)
Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	390 (red book)
Dismissal		366 (red book)
Postlude		

ACTS 17:22-31

Then 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 (*read responsively by the half verse*) 674 (red book)

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 defence to anyone who demands from you an account of 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 people, 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

'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 for ever. 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.'



WELCOME TO GRACE

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