

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Sunday 9:00 am (Online)

COMMANDMENT  
THIS IS MY  
*Love* that you  
ONE ANOTHER  
even as I have  
**LOVED** JOHN 15:12  
**YOU**

## Liturgy of the Word

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### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Hymnal #516

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes  
in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.

### Easter Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

## Collect for Purity

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.**

## 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 Epistle – 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>*Sing to the LORD a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.*

<sup>2</sup>*With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.*

<sup>3</sup>*The LORD has made known his victory; \**

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

- <sup>4</sup>*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.*
- <sup>5</sup>*Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*
- <sup>6</sup>*Sing to the LORD with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.*
- <sup>7</sup>*With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.*
- <sup>8</sup>*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.*
- <sup>9</sup>*Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.*
- <sup>10</sup>*In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.*

## Holy Gospel – John 15:9-17

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*Response* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

## Reflection Hymn

## What Wondrous Love is This

Hymnal #488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

## Nicene Creed

*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.*

## Prayers of the People

*Presider*

With all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord saying: ***Hear our Prayer.***

*Presider*

God, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

## The Peace

Celebrant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People        ***And also with you.***

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

## **Closing Hymn**

### *Praise the Father, Praise the Son*

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash

**Verse 1:** O sov'reign God O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing.  
And fall before the throne of grace. To You belongs the highest praise.

**Verse 2:** These sufferings this passing tide, under Your wings I will abide.  
And ev'ry enemy shall flee. You are my hope and victory.

#### **Chorus**

(Oh) praise the Father, Praise the Son. (And) praise the Spirit Three in One.  
Clothed in power and in grace, The name above all other names.  
(The name above all other names)

**Verse 3:** To the valley for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole.  
Your word my heart has welcomed home; Now peace like water ever flows.  
(Chorus, two times)

#### **BRIDGE**

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power, Yours is the glory forever. (REPEAT)

#### **Chorus**

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