

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2022 5:30pm

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn

All creatures of our God and King (verses 1-3)

Hymnal #400

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

Refrain: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice, (Refrain)

Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light, (Refrain)

St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933)

Easter Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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 Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the

district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Psalm: Psalm 67

- ¹*May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.*
- ²*Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.*
- ³*Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- ⁴*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.*
- ⁵*Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- ⁶*The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.*
- ⁷*May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.*

The Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Gospel – John 14:23-29

²³Jesus [said to Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People - *All remain standing.*

Presider or deacon

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father saying, **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal #405

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky,

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving - *Eucharistic Prayer A*

pg. 361 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father. . .

. . .Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . .Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Christ for the world we sing

Hymnal #537

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought (verses 1, 2)

Hymnal #705

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God that all may live; the Church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

Frank von Christierson (1900-1996)

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

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