



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 17 MAY, 2020

GATHERING

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

My brothers and sisters, join our voices with the church throughout the world, of every people and language, and proclaim the good news: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In the waters of holy baptism God liberates us from the power of sin and death, forever joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory so that we might have forgiveness of all our sins, and have faith and hope in Him. The ransom that was paid to free us from sin was not paid in silver or gold, but by the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without spot or stain. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory! **Blessed be God, forever! Amen!**

GREETING

The grace of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

We sing or speak 'This is the Feast' as we are able.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let us pray *Silence for reflection*- Let us pray: *Silence for reflection*- Eternal God, Jesus gathered his followers by the lakeshore to call them anew to follow him as servant leaders. Inspire us to hear His call as serve one another in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



The Gospel, John 21:9 -18, 24-25, is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice, and be glad in it.

Alleluia! We will rejoice, and open our hearts to his saving Word.

The Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you O Lord!**

Jesus later appeared to his disciples along the shore of Lake Tiberias. ² Simon Peter, Thomas the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, and the brothers James and John, were there, together with two other disciples. ³ Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing!"

The others said, "We will go with you." They went out in their boat. But they didn't catch a thing that night.

⁴ Early the next morning Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize who he was. ⁵ Jesus shouted, "Friends, have you caught anything?"

"No!" they answered.

⁶ So he told them, "Let your net down on the right side of your boat, and you will catch some fish."

They did, and the net was so full of fish that they could not drag it up into the boat.

⁷ The disciple Jesus loved told Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon heard that it was the Lord, he put on the clothes that he had taken off while he was working. Then Peter jumped into the water. ⁸ The boat was only about a hundred yards from shore. So the other disciples stayed in the boat and dragged in the net full of fish.

⁹ When the disciples got out of the boat, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. ¹⁰ Jesus told his disciples, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter got back into the boat and helped drag the net to shore. In it were one hundred fifty-three large fish, but still the net did not rip.

¹² Jesus said, "Come and eat!" But none of the disciples dared ask who he was. They knew he was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave some of it to his disciples. He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from death.

¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"

Peter said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

¹⁶ Jesus said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?"

He said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

¹⁷ Jesus said to Peter the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because the Lord said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"

And Peter said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. ¹⁸ Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry *you* where you do not wish."

²⁴This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.
The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Reflections

We say or sing the hymn 'Will You Let Me be Your Servant' as we are able.

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| 1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too. | 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. | 5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too. |
| 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear. | |

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

When we were baptized into Christ, we were baptized into His death and resurrection, that we live and walk in new life. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church, and the hope that is ours. Do you renounce the glamour of evil, and the ways that draw you from God?

By the grace of God, I renounce them!

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior? **In faith, I turn to Christ!**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Let us pray for the needs of the church and the world to the Risen Lord, who promised: I am the Resurrection and the Life!

Jesus calls Peter, who had betrayed him, giving him a new call: feed my flock. May we hear Jesus' call to nurture and serve one another in loving acts and words over the noise of stress and uncertainty. Risen Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all who demonstrate your love in medical facilities and care homes. Be a healing presence to those struggling with illness, fear, loneliness, loss of income and every needs. Hear us as we bring what is weighing on our hearts to you now. People of God for what else shall we pray... *We offer our prayers.* Bring wholeness to all in need. Risen Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Eternal God bring comfort and peace in the midst of death. By your promises renew our faith that in Christ all shall be made alive. Remind us that the day will come when we will dwell with You in the new heaven and earth, forever. Risen Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

With alleluias in our hearts and on our lips we commend to your care all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen!

Pause to give thanks. If you wish, offer thanks out loud for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online at this time, or your offering envelope can be placed in a basket and mailed. Then continue:

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. C **Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Dwell in peace, for Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We sing or speak the hymn 'Thine is the glory' as we are able.

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Refrain Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

Refrain Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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POSTLUDE

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