

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, May 14, 2023

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PRELUDE

“Christ is arisen” v.1-2

BWV 627, J.S. BACH

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 516

“Come down, O Love divine”

Down Ampney

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

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.**

HYMN 417, v.1,3,5

“This is the Feast of Victory of our God”

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. <i>(Refrain)</i>	3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. <i>(Refrain)</i>	5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! <i>(Refrain)</i>
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THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you. Let us pray. *(In unison)*

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 People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 17:22-31

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 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."

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

PSALM 66:8-20

Refrain: Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

⁸Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, ⁹who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

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¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; ¹²you let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire
and through water;
yet you have brought us out to
a spacious place.

¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows ¹⁴that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *R*

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

¹⁷I cried aloud to God, and extolled God with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, God would not have listened.

¹⁹But truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, because God has not rejected my prayer or removed God's steadfast love from me. *R*

THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

I 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 defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for 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 persons, 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.

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

The People stand

GRADUAL HYMN 488, v 1, 2

“Be thou my vision”

Slane

1 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.

2 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 my dwelling, and I one with thee.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Gospeler: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, “All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

People: Alleluia!

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “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 forever. 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.”

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

GRADUAL HYMN 488, v 3

“Be thou my vision”

Slane

3 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

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev'd Gary K. Sturni, D.Min.

After the sermon, the People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Subdeacon: Brothers and sisters in the faith, God has called us into the family of the church. For us you are both father and mother, and call us to care for each other. In the Spirit of Christ, we ask our creator to hear the prayers we offer, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal Father, you entrusted to Mary and Joseph the life of your child, Jesus. Strengthen all parents and children in the bonds of love, peace, and faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the household of the church: Creator of life, make your church a fruitful vine to all who are reborn in the living waters of baptism. May we find ourselves continually nourished and refreshed at the table of Christ's body and blood. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who suffer, especially Consoler of the afflicted, sustain the homeless and the abandoned. Protect the widow, the widower, the orphan. Comfort those who mourn the dead. Lord, in your mercy,

Celebrant:

Gracious God, may your favor and blessing rest upon the family which you have gathered in the name of your child Jesus. Accept the prayers we offer in his name. So may your love embrace us, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The People stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

OFFERTORY HYMN 400

"All creatures of our God and King"

Lasst uns erfreuen

PRAYER AT THE OFFERTORY *(Celebrant)*

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of Heaven, may we know the glory of your resurrection, through Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN.**

The People may stand or kneel

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

IT is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us eternal life, and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death into the glorious liberty of the Children of God. 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 S-113

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he ✠ that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. ✠

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, ✠ which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood ✠ of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts ✠ that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, ✠ that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, ...
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HYMN AT HOLY COMMUNION 513

"Like the murmur of the dove's song"

Bridegroom

1. Like the murmur of the dove's
song, like the challenge of her
flight, like the vigor of the wind's
rush, like the new flame's eager
might: come, Holy Spirit, come.

2. To the members of Christ's
Body, to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,

to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

3. With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and
witness, with the peace beyond
compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People stand.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Let us pray. *(in unison)*

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.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT (*Celebrant*)

PASCHAL BENEDICTION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Blessing ✠ **AMEN.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 344

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

Sicilian Mariners

DISMISSAL *Subdeacon:* He is not here. He is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

“Christ is arisen” v.3

BWV 627, J.S. BACH

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

May 14, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rite I, 8am
Altar Guild: S. DeWolf
Usher: J. DeWolf
Eucharistic Minister: S. DeWolf
Reader: S. Gagnon
Prayers of the People: M. Zimmer
Videographer: J. Morrow

Rite II, 10am
Altar Guild: John Doiron
Usher: Sudie Evageliou
Eucharistic Minister: Laurie Gypson
Reader: Harry Evageliou
Videographer: Madison Day
Coffee Hour: Madison Day
Soup Kitchen: Art Engler & Barb Depray
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