

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning
Sunday, May 14, 2023

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE ENTRANCE RITE

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.**

FOR THE GLORIA: PASCHA NOSTRUM (*in unison*)

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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 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."

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

RESPONSORY: Psalm 66:7-18 (*In unison*)

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be
heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is
tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our
backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place
of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-
offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I
was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear
God, *
and I will tell you what he has done
for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my
prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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

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 be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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.**

Hear our prayer.

For those orphaned through loss of parents through violence, sickness and death, especially children at risk in all the disadvantaged nations of the world and in our own. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the families of this community: God of love, like a mother you nourish us with your grace. Let us now remember our mothers, and those who we regard as mothers.

Quicken in us the seed of Christ's word, that we might reveal his life to the whole human family. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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:

**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.**

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my ✠ Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my ✠ Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance

his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word ✠ and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed ✠ Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one

body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our

Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.

The People say in unison:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(In unison)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT *(Celebrant)*

THE PASCHAL BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

Sub Deacon: 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!

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers.

May 14, 2023

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
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