

Sixth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **778** *Celebration Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

You have revealed yourself as the way to the
Father.

Lord, have mercy.

℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

You have poured upon us the Spirit of truth.
Christ, have mercy.

℟. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are the Shepherd of eternal life.
Lord, have mercy.

℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us
✠ our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**Glorify 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.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

God our redeemer, you have delivered us
from the power of darkness and brought us
into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as
by his death he has recalled us to life, so by
his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year C

FIRST READING

Acts 16.9–15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man
of Macedonia was standing there, urging
him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia
and help us.” And when Paul had seen the
vision, immediately we sought to go on into
Macedonia, concluding that God had called
us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made
a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the
following day to Neapolis, and from there
to Philippi, which is a leading city of the
district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.
We remained in this city some days. And on
the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to
the riverside, where we supposed there was a
place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to
the women who had come together. One who
heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the
city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who
was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened
her heart to pay attention to what was said
by Paul. And after she was baptized, and
her household as well, she urged us, saying,
“If you have judged me to be faithful to the
Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she
prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

℟. Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. (*All repeat*)

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and let the light of your face shine upon us.
Let your ways be known in all the earth,
your saving health among the nations. ℟.

Let the peoples praise you O God;
let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for with equity you judge the peoples
and guide all the nations of the earth. ℟.

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God still give us his blessing,
till the ends of the earth revere him. ℟.

SECOND READING

Rev 21.10,22 – 22.5

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and

of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

1. **The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,
And death's strong castle stormed.**
2. **The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;
With him is risen the ransomed seed
To reign in endless day.**
3. **The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame he bore.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14.23

Alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word:
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Jn 14.23–29

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,

he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite the 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,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

℣. Lord, hear us. ℟. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℟. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions may end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All *stand* as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **100**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, let our prayers and offerings rise before you, that we whom you have cleansed in baptism may respond worthily to the mystery of your great love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.**

**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.**

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. Amen.

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces 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,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

grant us peace.

The priest gives the **COMMUNION INVITATION.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN—256

The priest says the **POST-COMMUNION prayer.**

**God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives
the water of eternal life: may we thirst for
you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the **BLESSING and DISMISSAL.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among
you, and remain with you always. Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN—113

The service may be followed by **REGINA CÆLI.**

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,

As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:

℟. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

**Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought
joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that
through the intercession of his mother the
Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of
eternal life; through the same Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

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