

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **113** *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 A*

FIRST READING *Acts 17.22–31*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way towards him and find him. Yet he is actually 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 are indeed his offspring.’ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an

image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 66*

℟. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

*(All repeat)*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God, ‘How tremendous are your deeds! ℟.

‘Before you all the earth shall bow, shall sing to the glory of your name!’

Come and see the works of God;

tremendous his deeds among mankind. ℟.

He turned the sea into dry land;

through the river they passed dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. ℟.

Come and hear, all who fear God:

I will tell what he did for my soul.

Blessèd be God who did not reject my prayer, nor withhold his love from me. ℟.

SECOND READING

*1 Pet 3.13–22*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good

behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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 having been subjected to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN—**619**

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 14.15–21*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:—

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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— **59**

*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— **730**

*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— **778**

*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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