EASTER 6—MAY 17, 2020
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE Lied
OPENING & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Presider Let us pray
All 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you. All And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

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. All Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

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—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. All Thanks be to God.
**PSALM 66: 7-18**  
Jubilate Deo

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**  
1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader  A reading from the first letter of Peter  
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.  
All  Thanks be to God.  

**THE GOSPEL**  
John 14:15-21

The presider introduces the Gospel, saying  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
All  Glory to you, Lord Christ.  

The presider continues  
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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord. All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Gayle Catinella

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form 4

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Silence Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We ask your blessing on those serving in the military. We ask your blessing on those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. Silence. Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We ask your blessing upon those on our prayer list. Silence Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy Joan Stadnick and all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Presider  O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.  All  And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All  All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

HOLY EUCHARIST  Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.  All  And also with you.

Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.  All  We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All  It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Presider  It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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  Holy, holy, holy Lord

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Celebrant  Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All  Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

All 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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

HOLY COMMUNION

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that may always be united to You. And since I can not now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.

Spend a few moments in meditation upon the fact that God so loved you that He sent His Only-Begotten Son into the world for you. Afterward say:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me always. Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.
BLESSING
Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE Carillon

THOSE SERVING TODAY
Presider/Preacher The Rev Gayle Catinella
Organist Dr. Richard Konzen
Readers Eva Sullivan, Dr. Robin Woodberry
Videographer Jason Liggett

A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES
ANDREW, ISAAC, EGAN, BEN, RACHEL, LYNDSEY, BECCA
Gracious and Loving God,
We ask, now, for your almighty hand to be upon our graduates as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone.
May they find comfort from this community’s continued embrace and support as they journey through life.
May they find strength in the excellence of their academic preparation.
Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and success.
Enable them to stay true to their dreams for your greater glory, to discern what is right, good and just, and to use their gifts wisely and in service to others.
Empower them to walk into the future with faith, hope, & great love guided by your light so that they may use their talents to, in the words of St Ignatius Loyola, “Go forth and set the world on fire.”
Grace be to them, grace be to us all. Amen.