



# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Morning Prayer



*Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...*

## Prelude

### Opening Versicle

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 80*

**Officiant** Oh Lord, open our lips.

**People** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**All** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### Antiphon

**All** Alleluia. Christ is Risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

### Invitatory Psalm 67:1-5

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 23*

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*

**show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*

**your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

### Psalm 66:7-18

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Bless our God, you peoples; \*

**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

Who holds our souls in life, \*

**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; \*

**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare; \*

**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*

**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

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.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*

**I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*

**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, \*

**and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    **the Lord would not have heard me;**  
But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    **he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    **nor withheld his love from me.**

**All**           **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 17:22-31**

**Lector**       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."

**Lector**       **Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people**

**All**           **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Response: Song of Zechariah**

**Luke 1:68-69, Book of Common Prayer, p. 92**

*The Canticle is prayed responsively, breaking at the asterisk.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    **he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    **from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear, \*

**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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## The Gospel

John 14:15-21

**Preacher** 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.”

**Preacher** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

*A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.*

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 96*

*Please stand, as able and comfortable.*

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Officiant** Hear our cry, O God.

**People** And listen to our prayer.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**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.

### **Suffrages B**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 98*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

## **The Collects (Prayers)**

### **Collect of the Day**

**Officiant** 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.**

### **A Collect for Social Justice**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 260*

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Mission of the Church**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 100*

**Officiant** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 101*

**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**Officiant** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

Hymn 182 (stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Tune: *Truro*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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**Concluding Blessing**

**Officiant** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and always. **Amen.**

**Postlude**

## Prayers of the People

*This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea and The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our regional canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.*

*This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of Merrimack Valley Deanery: St. James' Church, Amesbury; Christ Church, Andover; All Saints' Church, Chelmsford; St. James' Church, Groveland; and, Trinity Church, Haverhill.*

*Altar flowers today are given in memory of: John and Eileen Ridill and John A. Jensen.*

*In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Congregation Church of Needham and the Needham Police Department.*

*Your prayers are requested for Ed, Ruth, Linda, Liz, Paul, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Marianne and family, Linda Evans, and for all serving our country – especially, remembering Sean, Ian, Jack, Colin, Tim and Andrew.*

*We are refreshing the prayer list for Eastertide.  
Please email the office with your prayers ([office@ccneedham.org](mailto:office@ccneedham.org)).*

*Thank you to those who assisted in the service today:*

*Charles Raines, Organist  
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*If you are interested in assisting during virtual worship, please email the [office](#).*



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