

May 8, 2021 – Easter 6

Celebrant & Preacher

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:                   **Jesus, All for Jesus**

**Jesus, all for Jesus,  
All I am and have, and ever hope to be  
Jesus, all for Jesus,  
All I am and have, and ever hope to be.**

**For it's only in Your will that I am free,  
For it's only in Your will that I am free,**

**All of my ambitions, hopes and plans  
I surrender these into Your hands  
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**Jesus, all for Jesus,  
All I am and have, and ever hope to be  
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All I am and have, and ever hope to be.**

Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen,

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## Collect

God of abiding love,  
you dare to call us friends.  
Take our fragmented hearts,  
command them to love,  
and make whole our joy,  
which is our life, reborn in Jesus Christ,  
who laid down his life for us. Amen.

## A Reading from the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you

everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

JOHN 15:9-17

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Silence

Creed

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

O God of faithful love and compassion,  
**Let our prayer come before You.**

### Confession & Absolution

You asked for faith and trust;  
We demanded proof and certainty.  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

Your love was stronger than death;  
We built tombs around our hearts.  
Christ have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

You sent us into the world with a message of hope;  
We lingered in comfortable despair.  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

Christ descended to death and hell,  
Passed through doors locked by fear  
To breathe the Spirit of peace  
And make us one humanity;  
Nothing can now separate us  
From the love of God.

### The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn:                   **Freely, Freely**

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his love as he told me to.**

### Refrain

***He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely give,  
Go in my name, and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live".***

**All power is given in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his love as he told me to.**

*Refrain*

Eucharistic Prayer

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

We praise you, God of freedom,  
For you breathed life into the void  
And showed yourself  
As the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery  
You called a people into being  
And led them to springs of life;  
The presence of your glory  
Went with shattered exiles  
Into strange and distant lands  
And gathered from the valley of despair  
The flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted  
The powers that killed and oppressed  
You spoke to those considered dead  
And helped them stand again;  
He taught us to die  
That we might live.

He gave himself for us  
Tortured and forsaken,  
But he could not be confined by death;

In the garden he speaks our name,  
In the breaking of the bread  
He shows himself among us;  
By the lakeside, in the new day,  
He calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith,  
All who walked away in sadness,  
With the women at the tomb,  
And the men who hid in fear  
We confess ourselves surprised  
By the suddenness of dawn  
And join the undying song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Risen Christ, the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out from this table to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love.

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Saviour draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

## Communion Hymn: **Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant**

**1. Sister, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.  
We are pilgrims on a journey.  
Fellow travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**2. I will hold the Christ light for you  
In the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
Speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.**

**3. When we sing to God in heaven,  
We will find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.  
Brother, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.**

**4. Sister, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.  
Brother, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.**



*Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church  
and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn:           **Draw the Circle Wide**

**Refrain**

***Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.***

**God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.   *Refrain***

**Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.   *Refrain***

**Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.       *Refrain***

**Mother's Day Memorials are given  
to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of:**

Susan Brown

From Mom

Mothers & Grandmothers,  
Edith Gruchy & Marilyn Ellis

From Beverly, Darrell, Kayla &  
Stephen Ellis

Louise Hudson

From Albert & sons

Geraldine Turner

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