

May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Robert Cooke

Vocals:

Rosalind Bartlett

Helen Menchions

Piano:

Rhonda Wicks

Reader:

Natasha Pardy

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Sing a New Song unto the Lord

Refrain:

Sing a new song unto the Lord;

Let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,

Singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy.

O come before the Lord

And play for him on glad tambourines,

And let your trumpet sound.

Refrain

Rise, O children, from your sleep;

Your Savior now has come.

He has turned your sorrow to joy,

And filled your soul with song.

Refrain

Glad my soul, for I have seen

The glory of the Lord.

The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.

I know my Saviour lives.

Refrain

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.

Glory to 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.**

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

Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and 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.**

Prayers of the People

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

Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

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

Hymn: For All Your Blessings

**For all your blessings, Jesus, we praise you,
Gracious in mercy, strong to console.
You to our need bring comfort and healing,
Love and forgiveness, making us whole.**

**Daily around us, pain and confusion
Crumble our feeble faith into dust.
Yet still we find your love in the darkness,
Changing our anxious thoughts into trust.**

**We carry with us into your presence
Prisoners of sickness, sadness, and fear;
Grant them to know your peace in their suffering
And new life flowing, for you are near.**

**Grant us, your servants, grace to work with you,
That in your loving task we may share
Mind's understanding, hands skilled for healing,
Hearts of compassion, joined in love's care.**

Eucharistic Prayer #5

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 our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**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.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry.

He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love

to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,

Jesus, at supper with his friends,

took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them,

saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:

this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,

said the blessing, gave it to his friends,

and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is the cup of my blood,

the blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which is shed for you and for many,

so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,

with this bread and wine

we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,

and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,

that we may know the presence of Jesus

in the breaking of bread,

and share in the life

of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

We are bold to say,

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.

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: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

**Jesus calls us here to meet him,
As through world and song and prayer
We affirm God's promised presence
Where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
Praise the Son who calls us friends;
Praise the Spirit who, among us,
To our hopes and fears attends.**

**Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
Sharer of our flesh and frailness,
Saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
Tell his tales that all may hear;
Tell the world that Christ in glory
Came to earth to meet us here.**

**Jesus calls us to each other:
Found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language –
Such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
Join the hands of age and youth;
Join the faithful and the doubter
In their common search for truth.**

**Jesus calls us to his table
Rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
Finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
Share the love of which we sing;
Share the feast for saints and sinners
Hosted by our Lord and King.**

*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: Now Thank We All Our God

**Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And nourish us with grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
Eternal now be given,
To Spirit and to Word,
Who reign in highest heaven:
Our ever faithful God,
Whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was is now,
And shall be evermore.**

**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

From Alf, Jeff, Laura & Julia, Krista,
Michael, Turner & Marcus

Vida Hatcher & Annie J. Turner

From Alf, Judy & family

Esther Fisher

From Raymond Fisher

Laura Porter & Ruby Hatcher

From Peg & Les Hatcher

**Donations to the Flower Fund are given
to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of:**

Mother, Emma Hammond

From Barbara McCutcheon