

ZOOM EUCHARIST FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 14, 2023

Today is ROGATION SUNDAY, when it is traditional to bless the newly-planted fields. We have no fields to bless, but we have woods and flowers, for which we give thanks. It's also MOTHERS DAY, of course. We all either are one, have one, or had one. Bless them all.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sherri Brown

ENTRANCE HYMN: #292 *O Jesus Crowned With All Renounce* (please stand, if able)

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

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.*

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 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."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66: 7-18

- 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 EPISTLE **I Peter 3: 13-22**

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



The earth is an ark.....

GRADUAL

Celtic Alleluia

(please stand, if able)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 14: 15-21

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray today especially for God's blessing upon the land that feed us and the farmers who work it. We pray also for our mothers, both living and departed, and for those who have asked our prayers.....

Alyssa; Jim Banes; Bob Beveridge; Beverly; Billy; Carolee Brower; Jackie Carmona; Amy and Matt C.; Jill Caverly; Jason Cherry; Jack Coatta; Rick Coatta; Jason, Brady

and **Gannon** Driscoll; **Frank E.**; **Fred** Erhardt and **Rhiannon**; **Steven** Forth; **Gary**; **Marty** H.; **Kelly** Hahn; **Erin** Hall; **Roberta** Hoffman; **Pat** Glynn; **Jane** Hendy; **Jaime** Jones; **Lyla** Joy; **Maria K.**; **Karen**; **Russ** Kent; **Janice** Lessenthien; **Jim** Jarrett; **John M.**; **Mary** Maridel; **Declan** McCaffrey; **Mark** Nichols; **Kathy** Prost; **Dave and Peggy** Rickard; **Jim** Richardson; **Kyle** Riendl, **Robin** and **Gerard** Riendl; **Benjamin** Runyan; **Sophia** Russell; **Carolyn and Michael** Roy; **Kim and Paul** Sabah; **Jack** Schatzley; **Tim** Smith; **Carolyn** Smodick; **Mary Kay and Paul** Sparre; **Dwayne** Sylvia; **Cheryl** Vogel; and **Jean and Mike** Watson.

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present **ROWAN GRIFFIN and WREN GRIFFIN** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

<i>Question</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Question</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Question</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Question</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Answer</i>	I do.
<i>Question</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Answer</i>	I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support <i>these persons</i> in <i>their</i> life in Christ?	
<i>People</i>	We will.
<i>The Celebrant then says these or similar words</i>	

Let us join with <i>those who are</i> committing <i>themselves</i> to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant	
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Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?	
<i>Answer</i>	I do

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
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<i>People</i>	I do.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Father?
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<i>People</i>	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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<i>People</i>	<p>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.</p>
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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<i>People</i>	<p>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.</p>
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.
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<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
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<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
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<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those (this person) who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

<i>Leader</i>	Deliver <i>them</i> , O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Open <i>their hearts</i> to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Fill <i>them</i> with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Keep <i>them</i> in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Teach <i>them</i> to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

<i>Leader</i>	Send <i>them</i> into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Bring <i>them</i> to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death

and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE IS NOW EXCHANGED

OFFERTORY

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

CHOIR ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Alexander / Page

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

HYMN S-125

**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.

(If able, please stand or kneel.)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. *Congregation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Those present at the liturgy receive the consecrated bread, which may be dipped into the small chalice of consecrated wine and then consumed, or consumed immediately before taking a sip from the large chalice. Some decline the cup altogether. The following prayer of "spiritual communion" may be used when actual reception of holy communion is not possible. It is meant to be said, silently or aloud, by each individual at the time when communion would normally occur.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

– From Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from Prayer of St. Alphonsus Ligouri.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Life is **short**, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us, so be swift to **love**, and make haste to be **kind**. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #400 *All Creatures of Our God and King* v. 1-5 (please stand, if able)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sherri Brown