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6th Sunday of Easter
10:00 am



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The 50 Great Days of Easter

The feast of Easter is fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. Today is the Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season. During this season, "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia was omitted. Our services and sermons during the Easter season are reflecting on worship.

THE GATHERING

Call to Silence

As today's service begins, a gong will sound, calling us to stillness before God. As its sounds fade away, we stand to sing our processional hymn.

Processional Hymn #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!

Let all people praise you, O Lord.

Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.

God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. AMEN.

Excerpted from MinistryMatters.com.

The Gloria, Hymn #365

Collect

Merciful God, **you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you**

above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Time - *The children now leave for Spirit Zone*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Psalms 67, BAS (Green Book) p. 788

Reading: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of

fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Gradual Hymn: #341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

The Gospel Reading: **John 14:23-29**

Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Homily: The Reverend Christine Conkin

Reflection

The Apostle’s Creed, BAS p. 189

Prayers of the People

The Peace

All are included in God’s welcome. Share this welcome with those around you.
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you **and also with you. Alleluia.**

Offertory Hymn: #485 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer # 1, BAS p. 193

The Lord's Prayer, p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #8, p. 212

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

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, for ever and ever, Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

The Dismissal of the Community

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of York, England and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Martin Wharton and The Rt. Rev. Francis White.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Andrews, Gleichen and their clergy, The Rev. Brad Everett and for the Women's Cursillo Weekend.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray St. Phillip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph and their clergy, The Rev. Ashton Francis
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Avril LeBlanc, Aiona Delday, Wendy Both, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, The Rt. Rev. Gary Woolsey, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Mandy Gravells, Ruth Elford, Alice Entwistle, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Pat McNamara, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Eileen Williams, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Helene Mahaffey in thanksgiving and in memory of loved ones and by Joan Siddall in memory of her beloved husband, Annis and her brave brother, Reginald Ferguson who passed to our Lord within a month of each other.

Arnold Williams is warden on duty today.



A Place For Us

John van de Laar

We long to find a place to relax, O God,
 to lean into the welcome and the love of real friends
 who stay true no matter who we are or what we've done.
 We want to be known – not just our names, but our selves,
 our dreams and longings, our fears and failings
 and be warmly, unrestrainedly welcomed.
 We yearn to know the joy of opening our arms to others
 and seeing them melt and grow soft in the safety
 of our acceptance.

And you have created a place like this for us
 a place of people, with failings and disagreements
 who still look out for one another;
 a place of difference and struggle
 where we can all belong;
 a place of faith and deep doubt,
 a place of awkward stumbling toward Christlikeness;
 a place of worship, of mystery and of rest.

And though we can't always see it,
 although sometimes it doesn't feel like it;
 this is the place – here.
 Not the buildings and the furniture – no, these people
 who gather each week in your name
 and try so hard to remember each other's.
 And for this place, and your being with us
 We give our heartfelt gratitude and devotion.

Amen.



8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Julienne Hendrickson

Lay Reader: Jeff Oneski

Organist: Chris Fullerton

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Please feel free to direct any inquiries, questions or concerns to any of the wardens.
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