

# Sixth Sunday in Easter

## 17 May 2020



Welcome and Announcements:

**Opening Hymn/Song**      All Creatures of Our God and King      #400



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

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**Opening Acclamation:**

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Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis #S280**

*(Words found in BCP p. 356)*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect of the Day:**

**BCP p. 357**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** Let us pray.

*(BCP p. 224)*

**People** **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 Lessons

**First Lesson:** A reading from the book of the 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.”

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

**Psalm 66:7-18**

*Jubilate Deo*

*(Read aloud in unison)*

**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.**

**Second Lesson:** A reading from 1 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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Lesson:** John (14:15-21)

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People:** **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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."

**Reader** The Gospel of the Lord

**People** **Praise to you Lord Christ**

**HOMILY**

**Nicene Creed:**                    *(Said aloud by all, in unison)*                    *BCP p. 358*  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten  
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things  
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by  
the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and  
was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scrip-  
tures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his king-  
dom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy  
catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the for-  
giveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come.    **Amen.****

**Prayers of the People: Form III**                    *(BCP p. 387)*

**Leader**    *Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*  
**People**    **That we all may be one.**

*Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve  
you;*  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;*



**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;*  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;*  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Give to the departed eternal rest.*  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Anglican Church of Korea.***

**May God bless and keep them.**

*In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for **St. Alban's, in Wickenburg***  
**May God bless and keep them.**

*We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the tribes of the Apache and Pascua Yaqui that call this part of Arizona their home.*  
**May God bless and keep them.**

*We pray for our own needs and the needs of others (**please add your own petitions and prayers either silently or aloud**)*

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Presider *And because we are currently fasting from the Lord's Supper, let us also pray for our spiritual Communion:*

**All My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

Presider *As Jesus taught us, we now pray: (Lord's Prayer) BCP p. 364*

**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.**

Presider *Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

## **Blessing**

Presider: *May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. Amen.*

**Closing Hymn/Song**

**G548 For the beauty of the earth**

# 548 For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,  
 5. For your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly  
 6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth  
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny  
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;  
 hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore  
 free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:  
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to  
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:  
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917

Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7 7; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

## Dismissal

Deacon: *Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**