The Sixth Sunday of Easter

17 May 2020
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Voluntary

The Holy Eucharist

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The Gathering
Sung by the choir.

Introit

The presider greets the congregation joining via livestream.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn 391
Sung by all, standing. Winchester New

1 Before the Lord's eternal throne, ye nations, bow with sacred joy; know that the Lord is God alone; he can create, and he destroy.
2 His sovereign power, without our aid, formed us of clay, and gave us breath; and when like wanderingsheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 We are his people, we his care, our souls, and all our mortal frame: what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to thy Name?
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs, high as the heavens our voices raise; and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.
5 Wide as the world is thy command, vast as eternity thy love; firm as a rock thy truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease to move.

text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100; music: melody from Musicalisches Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Gloria in excelsis
Leo Sowerby

Choir Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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.
The Collect of the Day

Presider  May God be with you.
People    And also with you.

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 Word of God

The First Reading

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.”

After the reading  The Word of the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.
Psalm 66: 7–18

The people remain seated. The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.

Gerre Hancock

Antiphon

Be joyful in God, all you lands.

Choir

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

All

Be joyful in God, all you lands.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
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.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

All

Be joyful in God, all you lands.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 13–22

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

After the reading The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.
Hymn 516

Sung by all, standing. Down Ampney

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the pow’r of human telling;

O Comforter, draw near, with in my heart appear, and let thy glorious light shine ever on my pear, and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

The Holy Gospel

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord;

People I am the vine, and you are the branches.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Before the Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

All 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."

After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young
Dean

The Nicene Creed

After the sermon, the people stand.

Presider 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 Scriptures; 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 kingdom 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 forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition Risen Christ, hear our prayer. The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

All may greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence Your offerings support the ministries of Grace Cathedral.

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Anthem

Choir He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, the same is he that loveth me. And he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will show myself to him.

- John 14:21
The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

All 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.

Presider, continuing ... with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Choir 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.

Presider, continuing we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider, concluding ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

Presider Wherever you are, please pray in the language of your heart the words that Jesus gave us

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

All repeat the three Alleluias.
Spiritual Communion

Presider  The Gifts of God for the people of God.

One of these prayers for spiritual communion follows.

Beloved Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and know that you are with us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. Now and always we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. In your most holy name. Amen.

Gracious God, we love you above all things, and are grateful that you are with us. Come spiritually into our hearts, unite our entire selves to you and never permit us to be separated from your presence. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Choir  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider  Let us pray.
All  Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright;
3 Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin,

the Pass-over of gladness, the Pass-over of God.
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is there in;

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
and listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
Let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,

our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
his own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.


The Blessing and Dismissal

The presider pronounces God’s blessing.

All respond Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

Serving the assembly:

Presider The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice
Homilist The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young, Dean
Deacon The Rev. Kenneth W. Parris, Assisting Clergy
Musicians Canon Benjamin Bachmann, The Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music
Kevin Fox, Instructor of Voice and Music Theory
John Kelley, Choirman
Gabriel Fanelli, Choirman