

HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May God's grace and peace be with you.

May God fill our hearts with joy.

Act of Praise

Rise Up and Shine (CP 157)

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Presider Let us pray.

Holy One,
you breathe the word of love
and the promise of new creation
into the secret places of our lives.

Teach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace;
through Jesus Christ, who dwells in us.

People **Amen.**

Children's Message

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading (Acts 16.9-15)

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (67)

*Cantor sings the refrain once. Everyone sings the refrain together.
Cantor sings the verses. Everyone sings the refrains.*

Introduction

Let all the peo - ples praise you, O God.

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- (1) God be merciful to us and bless us,
- (2) show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
- (1) Let your ways be known upon earth,
- (2) your saving health among all nations.
- (3) Let the peoples praise you, O God;
- (4) let all the peoples praise you. **R.**

- (1) Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- (1) for you judge the peoples with equity
- (2) and guide all the nations upon earth.
- (3) Let the peoples praise you, O God;
- (4) let all the peoples praise you. **R.**

- (1) The earth has brought forth its increase;
- (2) may you, O God our God, bless us.
- (3) May you bless us,
- (4) and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you. **R.**

The Second Reading (Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5)

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John:

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 practises 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.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (CP 710)

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Cantor The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel Reading (John 5.1-9)

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in

Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids -blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

People The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon
The Rev. Canon Dr. Cathy Campbell

Musical Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All **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.**

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Presider Merciful Creator God,

People **You have searched us out and known us;
the hopes we hold and regrets and sins that cling to us.
The hurts we absorb and ferment;
the tears we both cause and shed.**

**We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are,
knowing that only in you are we truly known
as the ones you would have us be.
Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves
and respect each other with dignity,
that we might welcome with you
the gifts and challenges that your new creation brings,
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.**

Presider May God our Great Creator
cleanse your hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness,
that you may walk with Jesus along the good road, his holy way.
May God purify your minds, that you may be guided by the holy word.
May God, our Great Creator clear your eyes
that you may see the goodness God has created.
May God, our Great Creator open your ears
that you may hear God's voice.
May God, make your souls one with the Trinity,
so that you may worship in spirit and in truth,
and love God, God's Peoples and God's creation with all your hearts,
minds, bodies and souls. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

We Cannot Measure How You Heal (CP 292)

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (S1)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,

through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

All Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory saying (singing):
Holy, holy, holy Lord, (CP 732)
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Presider Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,

to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread (Easter)

Presider

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People

Now we are raised to new life.

Presider

We were buried in your tomb.

People

Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us,
People **that we may live in you.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Music During Communion

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (CP 59)
You Call Us, Lord, to Be (CP 450)

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**
Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the richest blessing.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

The Kingdom of God (CP 631)

Dismissal

Presider Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**