

May 9th, 2021

10:30 am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” *Henry J. Van Dyke, Edward Hodges*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing seas
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began
love Divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!!!

People ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People ***Be glorified in church.***

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People ***Be glorified in the United States.***

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People ***Be glorified in heaven.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant *Alleluia!*

People ***Amen.***

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation

Celebrant 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 Old Testament reading is taken from the book of Isaiah, chapter 45. The God of Israel is the creator and sustainer of all things. His sovereignty is neither hidden nor secret but extends over all creation. Beginning to read at verse 11.

¹¹ Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: “Ask me of things to come; will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands? ¹² I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. ¹³ I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways level; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward,” says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁸ For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the LORD, and there is no other. ¹⁹ I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right. ²⁰ “Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. ²¹ Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. ²² “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’ ²⁴ “Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. ²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.” (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Psalm 33: 1-8, 18-21

Let us read this responsively by half verse.

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous; *
it is fitting for the just to be thankful.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.
- 3 Sing unto him a new song; *
make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is true, *
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loves righteousness and true judgment; *
the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together, as in a heap, *
and lays up the deep, as in a treasure house.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.
- 18 To deliver their soul from death, *
and to feed them in the time of famine.
- 19 Our soul has patiently waited for the LORD, *
for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 Our heart shall rejoice in him, *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

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The Epistle is taken from The First Letter of John chapter 4.

If our love for God has not cast out fear, we need to deepen our love for God. Beginning to read at verse 7.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved

God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Sequence Song, "Ancient Words" Lynn De Shazo

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart. (2x)***

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. John Chapter 15, beginning to read at verse 15.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants,^[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All ***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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

Prayer Intercessions

Celebrant For all your people throughout the world, for peace and goodwill everywhere, for the future of our country, and for you to raise up a new generation of good and godly leaders, and for all who currently govern and hold authority in every nation and city, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For your face to shine upon us, and your hand to clearly guide us, so that we may know how to make things better in our city, state, and country, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for the families and friends they have left behind, and that when we die, we may end our lives in faith and hope and peace, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For widows and those who live alone, for the elderly and the frail, and for those taking care of their elderly spouses and parents, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our children and grandchildren, for orphans, and for kids in broken families, and those with unbelieving parents, for the victims of neglect and abuse and crime and abortion, that you may look after all the children and their moms and dads and care for them and protect them, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the sick and the suffering and those who are afraid, that in the mighty Name of Jesus, and through the power and grace of your Holy Spirit, you may heal and comfort them, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For a whole generation of moms and dads wounded by abortion, who need both our help and your grace and healing and forgiveness, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our friends and our neighbors and co-workers, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all our families, that you, Lord, may be the head of every household, and bring healing to every broken relationship, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the lost and the lonely and those who are hurting – for the salvation and comfort and healing of all who currently do not know you, that they may

know your love, Lord, and know that you forgive them and care for them, and that your desire is to grant them hope and eternal life, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the poor and unemployed, for those in prison and in the hospital, and for those who care for them – for the comfort and consolation of all who come to you in need, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For your Church and her witness and work in the world, give her strength. Today we bring before you Living Stones Anglican Prayer Center, Rosenberg, Texas. We ask your anointing upon our friend Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East. We pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; and Clark, our Bishop; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For those you will someday bring to this fellowship, Lord, that you will prepare them for that day, and that you will prepare us to receive them, to welcome them, to love them, to know what to say, to know what to do, to remember what it was like when we didn't have a church family, that you will grow this fellowship toward maturity in Christ so all your children may be gathered as you intend, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of Your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and

follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

All Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

The Peace

Offertory Song “Thank You Jesus For The Blood” *B. McCleery, C. Gayle D. Gentiles, R. Kennedy, S. Musso*

I was a wretch I remember who I was
I was lost I was blind I was running out of time
Sin separated the breach was far too wide - But from the far side of the chasm
You held me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside
And there at the cross You paid the debt I owed - Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Chorus: Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days - But then You walked right out again
And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb (*chorus*)

Bridge: There is nothing stronger - Than the wonder working power
Of the blood the blood - That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father - Through the blood the blood (*repeat, chorus*)

Outro: Glory to His name - Glory to His name
There to my heart - Was the blood applied
Glory to His name

Doxology

*All sing Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here
below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People He is.

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People He is.

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

People He is.

Celebrant This is our God.

People Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant We are His people.

People We are redeemed.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad You created Your family; for a burdened people You raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets. In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give You thanks because You raised Him gloriously from the dead; through Him You have given us the resurrection hope, for our life will be changed, not taken away, when our mortal flesh is laid aside, we will enter our everlasting dwelling place to live with Him.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People Amen. His body was broken for us.

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

Celebrant Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

The Communion

Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

People is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

People Christ is the host and we are His guests.

Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.

People ***We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

“Behold the Lamb” *Dottie Rambo*

Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O Holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb. Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him, praise Him. Heaven and earth resound. Back to beginning.

Communion Songs “Reckless Love”

Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me (*chorus*)

Bridge: There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down coming after me (*x4, chorus*)

“One Thing Remains”

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Jeremy Riddle

Higher than the mountains that I face - Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
This one thing remains, this one thing remains

Chorus: Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me
Your love

And on and on and on and on it goes - It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid - One thing remains (*chorus*)

Bridge: In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate my heart
From Your great love

“I'll Fly Away”

Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

Chorus: I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (*chorus*)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away (*chorus*)

Post-Communion Prayer

All Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Crown Him With Many Crowns” *Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit Through Him given From yonder glorious throne.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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