

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing” *Robert Robinson, John Wyeth*

Come Thou fount of every blessing
tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither, by Thy help, I've come
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to Thee
prone to wander, Lord I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it;
seal it for Thy courts above

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

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 first lesson is from the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 45, 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. ¹⁹I 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. ²¹Declare 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. ²³By 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. ²⁵In 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 *Let us read this Psalm 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.

- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; *
he commanded and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to naught; *
he makes the devices of the peoples to be of no effect, and casts out the counsels of princes.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever, *
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, *
and blessed are the people he has chosen for himself to be his inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of men; *
from the habitation of his dwelling he considers all those who dwell on the earth.
- 14 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 15 There is no king who can be saved by a mighty host; *
neither is any mighty man delivered by great strength.
- 16 A horse is considered a vain hope to save a man; *
neither shall it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
and upon those who put their trust in his mercy,
- 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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People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

The second lesson is from the first letter of John, chapter 4, 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^[a] 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 9.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

Psalmist We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

All ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

Psalmist Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

All ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

Psalmist We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

All ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

All ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

Psalmist We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world. That the nations may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among all peoples.

All ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

Psalmist Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

All ***Protect them, O Lord.***

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

All ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up All Saints Anglican Church in Conroe, Texas. We ask your anointing upon

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. TAKE OUT 'WE PRAY TO YOU'

All ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

Psalmist For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

All ***Protect them, O Lord.***

Psalmist We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

All ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *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 “Establish The Work Of Our Hands”

Aaron Keyes, Sandra McCracken, Orlando Palmer, Madison Cunningham, Elizabeth Vice, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell

If You don't build it we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength
I know my time is passing away
And the works of Your hands are what will remain

Chorus: Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us
O Lord establish the work of our hands
O Lord establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain (*chorus*)

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. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious community, 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 “Turn Your Eyes”

George Romanacce, Nic Trout, Kevin Winebarger, Nathan Stiff

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Chorus: Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You
Our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the Lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins *(to chorus)*

Turn your eyes to the Heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone *(to chorus)*

“Son Of Heaven” *Brandon Lake, Dante Brown, Matt Maher*

This is the word here in the flesh
Living among the meek and lowly
The voice of God His every breath
Salvation of the world unfolding

Chorus: Behold Him behold Him
Lift up your eyes see the Son of Heaven
Hosanna hosanna
Pour out your praise sing the name of Jesus

This is His heart upon the cross
And from his wounds His mercies flowing
And from the dawn put death to death
And ever since that grave's been empty (*to chorus*)

This is His home here in our chest
At every door our Savior's knocking
Oh let Him in oh let Him out
With every yes His Kingdom's coming
The sound of every saint rejoicing
Oh Jesus Christ the hope of glory (*to chorus x2*)

“God So Loved”

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

Come all you weary come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness find what you're looking for

Chorus 1: For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3: Bring all your failures bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus 2: For God so loved He world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge: Praise God praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love (x2)
(ch2, v3)

Post-Communion Prayer

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 “O Zion Haste” *James Walch, Mary Ann Thomson*

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling
To tell to all the world that God is Light
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish lost in shades of night

Refrain: Publish glad tidings tidings of peace
Tidings of Jesus redemption and release

Proclaim to every people tongue and nation
That God in whom they live and move is Love
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation
And died on earth that man might live above (*to refrain*)

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious
Til God shall bring His kingdom's joyful day (*to refrain*)

Celebrant Words of dismissal.
All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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