

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 with your spirit.***

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

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 First Lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 41, beginning to read at verse 17.

¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. ¹⁸ I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. ¹⁹ I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive. I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together, ²⁰ that they may see and know, may

consider and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 148:7-14 *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

7 Praise the Lord upon earth, *

you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *

wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, *

fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle, *

creeping things and birds of the air;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *

princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *

old men and children together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *

for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his faithful shall praise him, *

the children of Israel, the people who are near him. Praise the Lord.

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

The Second Lesson is from the First Letter of St. Peter, chapter 3, beginning to read at verse 8.

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” ¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Thanks 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 1.**

15 Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 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. (ESV)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Christ***

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The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess 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, visible and invisible.***

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.

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 Steve, our Archbishop; Bishop Julian Dobbs, Dean of the Province; Clark, our Bishop; Lamido, our Archbishop-in-residence; Chuck and Josiah, 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.

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

Psalmist For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

All ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ; and that they will be comforted by God if 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, TX. We ask your anointing upon the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would use our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

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.

Silence

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

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with your spirit.***

Offertory Song, “Victory In Jesus”

Eugene M. Bartlett

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood’s atoning
Then I repented of my sin and won the victory

Chorus: Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and bought me, with His redeeming blood
He loved me ‘ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see
And then I cried, “dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit”
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory (*Chorus*)

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing that old redemption story
And some sweet day I’ll sing up there the song of victory (*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.***

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord,
People ***And of your own have we given you.***

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 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.***

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, 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, “Our Great God”

Fernando Ortega, Mac Powell

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown
 Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
 Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne
 They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Chorus: Hallelujah, Glory be to our great God

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
 Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms
 Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God (*Chorus*)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
 Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
 Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
 sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word (*Chorus*)

“Christus Victor (Amen)”

Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

Chorus1: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah amen

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

Chorus2: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son hallelujah amen

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Bridge: Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen (*Chorus2*)

“He Is Exalted”

Paris

Twila

He is exalted the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His Name
He is the Lord forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy Name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high

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, “Praise Him, Praise Him (Joyful Song)”

Chester G. Allen, Fanny J Crosby

Praise Him, praise Him Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Sing O earth His wonderful love proclaim
Hail Him, hail Him highest archangels in glory
Strength and honor give to His holy name
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children
In His arms He carries them all day long

Chorus: Praise Him praise Him, tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him praise Him, ever in joyful song

Praise Him, praise Him Jesus our blessed Redeemer
For our sins He suffered and bled and died
He our Rock our hope of eternal salvation
Hail Him hail Him Jesus the Crucified
Sound His praises Jesus who bore our sorrows
Love unbounded wonderful deep and strong (*Chorus*)

Praise Him, praise Him Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring
Jesus Savior reigneth forever and ever
Crown Him, crown Him Prophet and Priest and King
Christ is coming over the world victorious
Power and glory unto the Lord belong (*Chorus*)

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

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

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