

# Easter 6, May 9, 2021

## Prelude

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

### Song of Praise **Great and Wonderful** (together)

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds  
O Lord God the almighty  
O Sovereign of the nations
- 2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?  
For you alone are holy
- 3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence  
for your just dealings have been revealed
- 4 To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:  
be blessing and honour, glory and might  
for ever and ever. Amen

*Celebrant* May God be with you

*People* And also with you

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

### Collect of the Day (together)

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. **Amen.**

### First Lesson **Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in

tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## **Psalm 98**

- 1 Sing a new song to God, \*  
who has done marvelous things?
- 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, \*  
you have won for yourself the victory.
- 3 You have made known your victory; \*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to God with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn, \*  
shout with joy before our God who reigns in majesty.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before  
God, who will come to judge the earth;
- 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **Second Lesson     1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and

obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

### **The Gospel    John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

### **The Sermon**

### **Prayers of the People**

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! You are eternal life, stronger than death. Open our eyes to see you as we ask for your

merciful grace.

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially.... In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Ascension, Cranston; and The Church of the Ascension, Wakefield. We joyfully celebrate your resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Imbue your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. For this we pray, ***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all nations of the earth, especially..... God of Creation, you have given us a world of wondrous diversity. Open our eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic weaving. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your reign of peace to all peoples. For this we pray, ***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our nation, so full of divisions. Enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry. Help us to break down the barriers in our communities. Free us to challenge and uproot racism from ourselves, our nation, and our world. And when our eyes do not see the gravity and pervasiveness of racial injustice, shake us from our slumber and move us to action, O God.

We remember especially.....For this we pray, ***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our community, especially..... and for those who have birthdays: Paul Santilli, Jill Kotch, Kevin Olsen, Dick Hathaway, Katie Heaton, Emily Fowler, Pam Prince and Jim Luken. God, who came to earth as one of us, help us to see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members

and keep before us the image of Servant Jesus, that in him we remain ready to serve one another and those whom you continue to bring into our midst. For this we pray,  
***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who suffer and struggle, especially . . .  
God of Compassion open our hearts to bind wounds and heal.  
Bless each person who asks for our prayers. Be present, through your people, to all who need your comfort. For this we pray,  
***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died, especially . . . that your will for them may be fulfilled. God who loved us from before our birth and who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. And we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured of that same hope. For this we pray,  
***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray that our risen life include greater care of the creation you have entrusted to us. Help us to be champions for this fragile planet. We remember especially.....  
For this we pray.  
***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

*All:* O God, who created all people in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**The Peace**     *The people stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be with you.

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

## **The Eucharist (*people's responses*)**

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* May God be with you

*People* And also with you

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts

*People* We lift them up to the Lord

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

### **Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### **Memorial Acclamation**

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

**At the fraction:** *Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the  
body of Christ.

*Response:* We who are many are one  
body, for we all share in the one bread.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

God of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, Jesus declared your love, gave us grace, and opened a new way of living. May we who share Christ's 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 we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. AMEN.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, Alleluia***

## Postlude

**Announcements: Upon entering or exiting, please put your offertory in the plate on the table.**

**Donations for the Capital Fund are welcome in May.**



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