

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Morning Prayer Rite II

### Welcome & Announcements

This is my commandment/Peace like a river

Performed by Jan and Jerry Hanen

### Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation' pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

### Opening Sentence

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*Presider* Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pascha Nostrum & Psalter

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Presider* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

### Christ our Passover read in unison

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**Psalm 66:7-18**

**read in unison**

**Led by James Topping**

Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.  
For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.  
Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.  
If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;  
But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

*All*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Read by Janet Turley

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Read by Gwendolyn Daring

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

### **Homily**

Deacon John Musco

### **The Prayers**

*Presider*       The Lord be with you

*People*           **And also with you**

*Presider*       Let us pray.

In this time of bewilderment and fear, we ask you to give us the courage to take care of one another as Jesus did. For those who are ill, especially those who are frightened and alone, for those who cannot access healthcare, for those who are homeless and lost; Risen Lord,  
**Hear our prayer.**

In the midst of our sadness and grief, we ask you to give us words to comfort one another. For those who are dying, and for those who have already died from this virus, for those who care for them and for those with no one to care for them; Risen Lord,  
**Hear our prayer.**

In the midst of our own anxiety, we ask for the courage to support one another as you would. For those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future; for our government and financial institutions and those who lead them; Risen Lord,  
**Hear our prayer.**

In the midst of our struggle to ensure a healthy future for all people, we ask you to give us the hope that surpasses our current understanding. For healthcare workers, spiritual leaders and our faith communities, for artists and poets, for prophets and teachers; Risen Lord,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Remembering that you have promised to hear our prayers, we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings:

*\*\* we will unmute all for intercessions. Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

### **The Lord's Prayer sung by all**

#### **Collect of the Day**

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.

*Said in unison*

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Benediction**

*Presider* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Amen.

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn: Lord You Give the Great Commission**

Lord, You give the great commission:

Heal the sick and preach the Word.  
Lest the Church neglect its mission,  
And the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to Your purpose  
With renewed integrity,  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, You show us love's true measure:  
Father, what they do, forgive.  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
All that You so freely give.  
May Your care and mercy lead us  
To a just society.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

### **Parting Hymn**

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever  
Bind your heart to his heard, with a bond that nothing can sever  
Give you light on the uphill road, and courage in every endeavor  
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.

### **Time for Check-In**