



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2020**  
**9:00am**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*It is well with my soul*

Charles Callahan

**Hymn**

*As those of old their first fruits brought*

Blue Hymnal 705

**Opening Acclamation**

*Clergy* This we know, the earth does not belong to us,  
*All* **we belong to the earth.**

*Clergy* This we know, all things are connected:  
*All* **like the blood which unites one family.**

*Clergy* For we did not weave the web of life:  
*All* **we are merely a strand of it.**

*Clergy* For God brought us into being  
*All* **And called us to care for Creation.**

*Clergy* Blessed be our God.  
*All* **For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Glory to God**

Glo - - ri - a, glor - - ri - a, in ex - cel - - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glor - ry in the high - est!

Glo - - ri - a, glo - - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Collect of the Day

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.

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

*Clergy* Let us pray.

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.**

## Reading

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 66:7-18

- <sup>7</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- <sup>8</sup> Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- <sup>10</sup> You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- <sup>11</sup> You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.

- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.

**Hymn**

*Holy Spirit, font of life*

Blue Hymnal 228

**Holy Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Toppie Bates**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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 from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*Leader* To God who so loved the world, let us pray with hearts full of love.

*(A brief silence)*

For the church everywhere: In our Parishes, we pray for Grace Church in Baldwinsville and their rector the Very Rev. Cathy Carpenter; and St. David's Church in Barneveld. In our Diocese, we pray especially for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for Mission San Esteban and their priest the Rev. Alfredo Lopez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of West Missouri and their bishop the Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For peace among all peoples of the earth: may God redeem us from the slavery of selfishness. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For the health and sustainability of the earth and all living things: may we grow as stewards of the marvelous gift you have given in all of creation. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For this nation and our local communities: may we continually seek to offer gifts of care and advocacy, intervention and support until all people live in justice and freedom. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those who suffer from any illness, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May they know the healing touch of Jesus to be a source of rest, comfort, and restoration. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those we have loved but see no longer, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May they live forever with God in Christ. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

*Clergy* Hear our prayers, loving and gracious God, and receive them for the sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Music for Reflection

*4<sup>th</sup> Mvt. of Fifth Symphony*

Charles M. Widor

### Announcements

## Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

*Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

## The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Blessing

*Clergy* May the heavens bless you.  
May sun shine on you.  
May the rain dance on your upturned face  
May the stars make you wonder and smile.  
May the bounty and beauty of the earth bless you, and may you bless the earth in planting and protest and sharing food.  
And may God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Hymn

*O all ye works of God, now come*

Blue Hymnal 428

## Dismissal

*Clergy* Go now.  
Go and revel in God's world.  
Go and be creative.  
Go and work for justice.  
Go and love your neighbors.  
Go and walk with God.  
Amen. Alleluia.

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

## Postlude

*Hyfrydol*

Healy Willan

*Additional sources for today's liturgy:*  
General Convention 2018 Eucharist for the Care of God's Creation.  
Iona Abbey Worship Book: Creation Liturgy