



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021**

Welcome

Opening Songs

Sing Sing Sing

(We will) sing sing sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus

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What's not to love about You
Heaven and earth adore You
Kings and kingdoms bow down
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for

You are the love that frees us
You are the light that leads us
Like a fire burning

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When we shout Your praise

Lift high the name of Jesus!

Ever Love

In the moments I feel so alone
When I question what's real
and I wanna come home
When I take the wrong track and think
How can I turn back
He throws wide open His doors and outpours

Ever love ever near
ever strength when are fearful
Ever good ever light
For in him there is no darkness
Ever near ever real
However lonely we may feel
Ever God Ever King
In Whom we trust our burdenings
Ever Love

And He loved me so much
He sent His only son
Leaving the Ninety nine
To be Savior of the one
When I take the wrong track and think
How can I turn back
He throws wide open His doors and outpours

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ever strength when are fearful
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Ever God Ever King
In Whom we trust our burdenings
Ever Love!

Opening Acclamation

Clergy Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm
 has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his 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 the Lord, all you lands;
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,
 with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 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 the Lord,
 when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
 and the peoples with equity.

Gospel Song

The Word

For the Word of God lives here
Deep in our hearts
And is sharper than the blade of any sword
Grasses fade, flowers fall
But God's love endures
Please guide us
O Lord to Your will
This is God's Word.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

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

[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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Meredith Kadet-Sanderson

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

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

Silence

In our Parishes, we pray for the people of St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton, and their priest The Rev. John Crosswaite; and the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Constableville. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of San Andrés Apóstol, Amatepec, Soyapango, and their priest, The Rev. Alfredo López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Kentucky and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Terry Allen White. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Anglican Church of Kenya and their bishop, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit.

For the church made alive with Christ, that it would bear witness to the wonder of the resurrection through word and deed.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole world, that the crucified and risen Christ will mend what is broken and fill all corners of the earth with justice and peace.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For Creation, that we may have wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature responsibly that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are overshadowed by illness of body, mind, and spirit, especially those we now name____. That the Holy Spirit's healing and life-giving presence will touch their lives.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That all who await new life, those about to be born and those about to die, will know Christ's presence with them.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That with all the faithful who have died, especially those we now name____, we will join in songs of praise at the victory feast of God who triumphs over death and gives eternal life.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Leader

Gracious God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

What Love Is This?

You never change
You are the God You say You are
When I'm afraid
You come and still my beating heart
You stay the same
When hope is just a distant thought
You take my pain
And You lead me to the cross

What love is this
That You gave Your life for me
And made a way for me to know You
And I confess You're always enough for me
You're all I need

I look to You
I see the scars upon Your hands
And hold the truth
That when I can't You always can
And standing here
Beneath the shadow of the cross
I'm overwhelmed
That I keep finding open arms

What love is this
That You gave Your life for me
And made a way for me to know You
And I confess You're always enough for me
You're all I need

Jesus in Your suffering
You were reaching
You thought of me

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Always enough for me
Always enough for me

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 Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new possibilities, bring you new life...
May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you...
May Christ who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy...
And the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All **Amen.**

Closing Song

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God, He calls me friend
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God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God, He calls me friend
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God

I am a friend of God, He calls me friend

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Holy Water

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