

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 17, 2020

### *Welcome*

#### *Opening Hymn*—"Praise the Almighty" - #797

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| <p>1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!<br/>Yes, I will laud Him until death;<br/>With songs and anthems I come before Him<br/>As long as He allows me breath.<br/>From Him my life and all things came;<br/>Bless, O my soul, His holy name.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;<br/>Earthborn they are and soon decay.<br/>Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,<br/>When the dark grave engulfs its prey.<br/>Since mortals can no help afford,<br/>Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever<br/>Whose help is from the Lord Most High,<br/>Whom from salvation can nothing sever,<br/>And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.<br/>To all who trust in Him, our Lord<br/>Will aid and counsel now afford.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,<br/>Pardon and peace from Him obtain;<br/>Ever the wants of the poor supplying,<br/>Their faithful God He will remain.<br/>He helps His children in distress,<br/>The widows and the fatherless.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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- Δ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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### *God Prepares Us for Worship*

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly**

**deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Leader:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

### ***Hymn of Praise —“By Faith” - Getty***

**1 By faith we see the hand of God  
in the light of creation’s grand design,  
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**2 By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts,  
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand,  
a place where peace and justice reign.**

**Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**3 By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed for Messiah would appear  
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death  
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**4 By faith the church was called  
to go in the pow’r of the Spirit  
to the lost to deliver captives  
and to preach good news in ev’ry corner of the earth. *Refrain***

**5 By faith this mountain shall be moved  
and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon His name. *Refrain***

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### ***Prayer of the Day***

## ***The First Reading—Acts 17:16-31* ESV**

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

"In him we live and move and have our being";  
as even some of your own poets have said,  
"For we are indeed his offspring."  
<sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

## ***The Second Reading—1 Peter 3:13-22* ESV**

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard 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; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

## *Psalm of the Day—Psalm 66:8-20*

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**People: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**

Leader: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads;

**People: We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

Leader: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**People: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**People: I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**People: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Leader: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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

## *The Gospel Reading—John 14:15-21 ESV*

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

## *Children's Message*

### *Sermon Hymn—"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" - #594*

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| <b>1</b> | <b>God's own child, I gladly say it:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>He, because I could not pay it,<br/>Gave my full redemption price.<br/>Do I need earth's treasures many?<br/>I have one worth more than any<br/>That brought me salvation free<br/>Lasting to eternity!</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>Sin, disturb my soul no longer:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>I have comfort even stronger:<br/>Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.<br/>Should a guilty conscience seize me<br/>Since my Baptism did release me<br/>In a dear forgiving flood,<br/>Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?</b> |
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**3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.**

**5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!**

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## *Sermon*

**"Counting the Days" - John 14:15-21**

### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

# Offering

## Hymn—"In Thee Is Gladness" - #818

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| <p><b>1 In Thee is gladness<br/>Amid all sadness,<br/>Jesus, sunshine of my heart.<br/>By Thee are given<br/>The gifts of heaven,<br/>Thou the true Redeemer art.<br/>Our souls Thou wakest,<br/>Our bonds Thou breakest;<br/>Who trusts Thee surely<br/>Has built securely;<br/>He stands forever: Alleluia!<br/>Our hearts are pining<br/>To see Thy shining,<br/>Dying or living<br/>To Thee are cleaving;<br/>Naught can us sever: Alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>2 Since He is ours,<br/>We fear no powers,<br/>Not of earth nor sin nor death.<br/>He sees and blesses<br/>In worst distresses;<br/>He can change them with a breath.<br/>Wherefore the story<br/>Tell of His glory<br/>With hearts and voices;<br/>All heav'n rejoices<br/>In Him forever: Alleluia!<br/>We shout for gladness,<br/>Triumph o'er sadness,<br/>Love Him and praise Him<br/>And still shall raise Him<br/>Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!</b></p> |
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## The Prayers

Each portion of the prayers conclude –

*Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

### Special Intercessions

- † The family of Melanie H at the death of her mother, Wanza B, last weekend;  
The family of Kimber G who died on May 11th.
- † The Call Committee as they identify candidates to fill the remaining teaching positions for next school year.
- † William B who is being received into God's family through Holy Baptism on May 17th.
- † Ruth R who will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 19th.
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: *(please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients and we will gladly include them in our prayers)* Denise N, Denise B, Jim P, Frank T, Karen M, Ulla W, Nicole T, Jodi B, Vicki L, Leland P, Lonna C, Tate V, Doris G, Elaine P, Tim A, Doris W, Nadine B, Diane M, Julie S, Bill H, Joni D, Marilyn S, Dale O, Susan M, Tate S, Julia, Gary R, Donna K, Rachel M, Jim W, Rhonda T, Anita G, Christopher G, James K, John G, Brenda L, Pat C, Donna F, Diane D, Nicki S, Carol S
- † Hospitalized this past week: Brock H (NICU)

## 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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## *The Benediction*

### *Closing Hymn—“All the People Said Amen”*

- 1. You are not alone, if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same, in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you've got to lean on  
but thank God it's all you need**

#### *Refrain:*

**And all the people said amen, whoa-oh  
And all the people said amen  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends  
And all the people said amen**

- 2. If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter  
Weak or strong, you know, love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And He so loved the world  
He sent His Son to save us all *Refrain***
- 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
For this is the kingdom, the kingdom of God *Refrain x2***

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## *Go In Peace!*

## Participants

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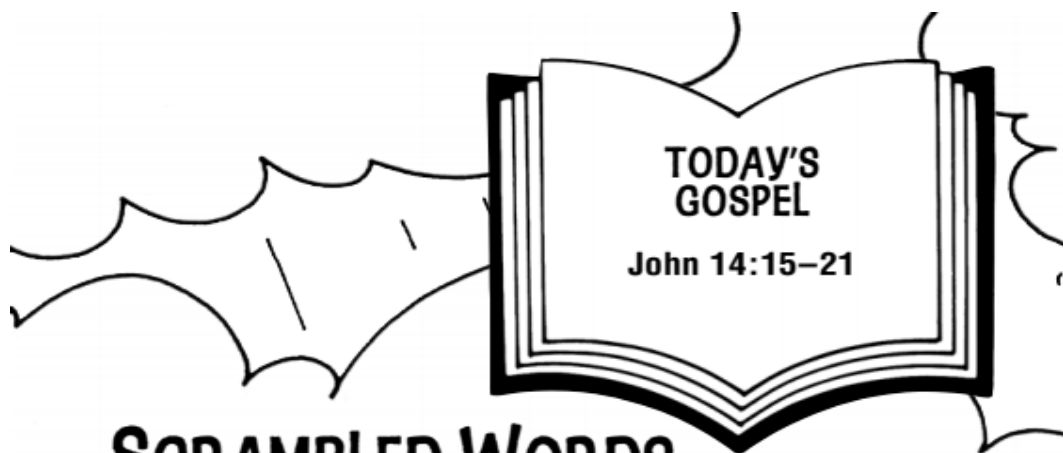
# 6th Sunday of Easter



Because I live, you also will live.

*John 14:19*

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## SCRAMBLED WORDS

First, unscramble Jesus' words in the sentences. Print them in the spaces on the right. Then print the circled letters on the lines below. Unscramble them to find out what God would give the disciples.

The world NANCOT  
receive Him.

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I will not leave you  
as SPAROHN.

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Because I ELVI,  
you also will live.

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Whoever has My commandments and PEKES them,  
he it is who loves Me.

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He who loves Me will be loved  
by My FEARTH.

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I LIWL love him and  
manifest Myself to him.

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Try to find 12 words from today's Gospel in this puzzle. You may go up or down, from side to side, or diagonally. Circle each word as you find it, and mark it off the list. The first one has been done for you.



## WORD SEARCH

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P	E	G	Q	H	K	M	A
I	Z	E	T	K	N	E	T
R	X	U	G	E	O	V	H
I	R	Q	E	E	W	I	E
T	Z	M	X	P	V	L	R
G	O	Q	D	L	R	O	W
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LOVE  
KEEP  
HELPER  
FATHER  
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SPIRIT  
TRUTH  
WORLD  
KNOW  
LIVE  
COME  
SEE



