

SIXTH SUNDAY OF



EASTER

May 9, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Prelude “Alleluia”

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The congregation remains seated for the entire service

Hymn “Now the green blade riseth”

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant then says

**Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

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

Officiant and People

**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.**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

**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 98 *(recited in unison)*

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

Officiant and People

**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

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

Cantemus Domino

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the
Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy
dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
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.

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This 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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 21, You Are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

Officiant and People

**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.**

John 15:9-17

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Lector **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily The Very Rev. William J. McClure, Jr.

Scripture Reflection

“When God loves me, God desires nothing else than to be loved by me. God loves me in order that I may love God because God knows well that all who love God, find in this very love their Joy and happiness.” — Bernard of Clairvaux

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

God loves us that we may love God and know the fulness of joy from living in love with God and one another.

The Psalm extolls the mercy, faithfulness and righteousness of God and tells of God's marvelous works and salvific acts. What's not to love about that?

The story from Acts tells of Gentiles who were moved in the Spirit and “extolling God.” These new converts were moved in the power of the Spirit and God's love to exhibiting their love of God with their lips and in their lives.

The epistle from 1 John is a reminder that if we believe that “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, then our faith in that love will empower us to love God and one another. As we gain in the knowledge of God's way of love in Christ and grow in living out that way of love, we become more and more in tune with the Spirit of truth and experience victory.

“The steady discipline of intimate friendship with Jesus results in persons becoming like him.” --Harry Emerson Fosdick

In the gospel lesson from John, Jesus teaches and shows how much he is loved by God by living out that love for God and all that God has made. He reminds his disciples to abide in his love, the same love that God has for him and each and every one of us. If we abide in the love of God in Christ Jesus, we experience complete joy.

“In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love, and not one of us is going to come off very well, and were it not for my absolute faith in the loving forgiveness of my Lord I could not call on him to come.” --
Madeleine L'Engle

We know that we struggle to love God as Jesus commands and perhaps even more to love one another, but we can strive to keep and grow our faith in God's love for us. We are reminded by God's word and Our Lord Jesus Christ to start with loving God, that the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will indeed keep our hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son. If indeed God so loved the world, what's not to love?

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Then follow these Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Priest says

Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called us his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask of you in Christ's name: Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

An appointed person leads the prayers.

Loving God, your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God: We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Skip, our Assisting Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese as we explore our way forward, Bill, our Rector, Dan, our Deacon, Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Trinity Episcopal Church (LARCC), St. Paul's, Flint, St. John's Church, Sturgis, and St. Mary's Church, Cadillac (Diocesan), and the Diocese of Busan (Korea) (Anglican). Help us to show our love for you by loving your children and thus fulfilling Christ's command to us. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm have you won for yourself the victory: Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority, especially Joseph, our President, and Gretchen, our Governor, with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

All creation witnesses to God's goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment, and grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

You have taught us to keep your commandments by abiding in your love, O Gracious One: Bless this community with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer, especially Sue, Maxine, Phil, Lynn, Clarise, Maggie, Adam, Gary, Laurie, Debbie, Matthew, Bob, Curtis, Carol, Pat, Charlie, Aurora, Scott, Angie, Daryl, Lauren, Jim, Mike, Barb, Donna, Bob, Jane, Jeff, Shirley, Adam, and Wayne. Are there others?

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty. Be with those who are quarantined and hospitalized. Keep them company while we cannot. Grant them patience and strength. Be with those whose finances are affected. Help them find resources to take care of themselves and their families. Be with the elderly and vulnerable. Help all to avoid carelessness so they may remain whole. Be with our neighbors who lack housing. When they depend on generosity, may they receive a double helping. Be with those who feel overwhelmed by the news cycle. Help them to discern what matters most and what to set aside. Be with the bereaved and defend them from despair. Be with all health professionals and give them your wisdom and protection. We pray especially for Dan, Tom, Katie, Debbie, Rich, Cheryl, Kelly, Easton, Ashley, Alex, Shanen, Kelsi, Nate, Sonya, Lisa, Cara, Tammy, Kendra, Flo and any others we may name at this time. Be with our public health officials and the World Health Organization. Give them and all our leaders foresight to act with charity and concern for the long-term well-being of all.

Accept our grateful thanksgivings as we lift up our voice and rejoice, especially for mothers, the birthdays of Dawn, Bronwyn, and Pamela, and for those in military service: Ashley, Lee, Jeremy, Bryan, Tyler, Joshua, Isaac, Lars, Christopher, Brian, Brennan, Elliott, Carl, Ian, Wesley, and Adam. Are there other thanksgivings?

Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world. We entrust to your never failing victory those who have died, especially those who we name before you at this time.

Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

Lord Jesus Christ, give us your peace. Help us to be vigilant and generous. Give us courage to be your witnesses by our actions. Teach us to pray honestly and expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for you are our help and our shield, now and forever.

Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

The Priest Says

Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Adapted using excerpts from A Prayer for a Time of Pandemic adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, by Kerry Webber)

Hymn “Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel’s joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

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The General Thanksgiving *Said by all*

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 Officiant may then say

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude “Now Thank We All Our God/Let All Things Now Living”

Tunes: Nun Danket Alle Gott by Johann Crüger and Ash Grove, Traditional Welsh Melody;

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In Our Prayers

LARCC: Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Trinity Episcopal Church.

For Healing & Convalescing: Sue Linke, Maxine Moran, Phil Goddard, Lynn Duby, Clarise Grzenkowicz, Maggie Lamb, Adam Kelsch, Gary Hartman, Laurie Griggs, Debbie Harrison, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Curtis Carr, Carol Putkamer, Pat Leahy, Charlie Beach, Aurora Johnson, Scott Collins, Angie Collins, Daryl Hebert, Lauren Wheeler, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Barb Skaluba, Donna Mullen, Bob & Jane Rousseau, Jeff Goyette, Adam, Whayne Hougland

Homebound: Shirley Carr

Birthdays: Dawn Cousins (11), Bronwyn Woolman (12), Pamela Woida (13)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Jeremy Anderson, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, Brian Monroe, Carl Benander, Adam Barnes, John Hartman, Robert Waisanen

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: St. Paul’s, Flint, St. John’s Church, Sturgis, and St. Mary’s Church, Cadillac; Anglican: Diocese of Busan (Korea)

The Flowers At The Altar

In Celebration of the 3rd Birthday
of
Liberty Rose Goodlow
by
Grandma Lisa Rhea

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory of someone or as a thanksgiving, there are openings available. Call Sonya Titus at 354-6031.

FEELING DISCONNECTED? HAVE A SPECIAL NEED OF THE CHURCH?

Contact the Rector at 231-420-8467 or email at rector@trinityalpena.net.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Sunday Supper is in need of to-go desserts (e.g. cookies) to go with the curbside meals. Please contact Ellen Eagan (356-4094) to make arrangements.

Musicians

Deborah McClure - Pianist
MaryAnn Hubbard - Flutist
Brynna Smith - Flutist
Lisa Rhea - Vocalist

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Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed — the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

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