

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

May 17, 2020: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hymn

Text: George Washington Doane, alt.; Music: Raphael Courteville; Tune: St. James

Thou art the way: to thee alone from sin and death we flee;
and those who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.

Thou art the life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the way, the truth, the life: grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.
People May he fill our hearts with joy.

Gloria

New English Folk Mass

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,
All And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray. *Please remain standing.*
Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Acts 17: 22-31

Reader Then 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 *Please remain seated.*

Psalm 66: 7-18—Plainsong

Cantor Bless our God, you peo-ples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

All Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

Cantor For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as sil-ver is tried.

All You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens u-pon our backs.

Cantor You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and wa-ter; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

All 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.

Cantor I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you o-xen and goats.

All Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

Cantor I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

All If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

Cantor But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

All Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand, as you are able.

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cantor If you love me, you will keep my word,
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.
People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 14: 15-21

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Gospeller 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.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Officiant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Offering Hymn

Text: Bianco da Siena; tr. Richard Frederick Littledale, alt.;
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Tune: Down Ampney

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Offering Prayer

Officiant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the
heaven and the earth is thine. All things come of thee; and of thine own
have we given thee.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem A Song of Trust

Charles Villiers Stanford

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, as you are able.

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Officiant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All 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.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Officiant Most merciful God,
All 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 neighbours 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.

Bishop Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Doxology

Officiant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Bishop The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Hymn

Text: Henry van Dyke, alt.; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven;
arr. Edward Hodges; Tune: Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Postlude Serene Alleluias

Olivier Messiaen

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