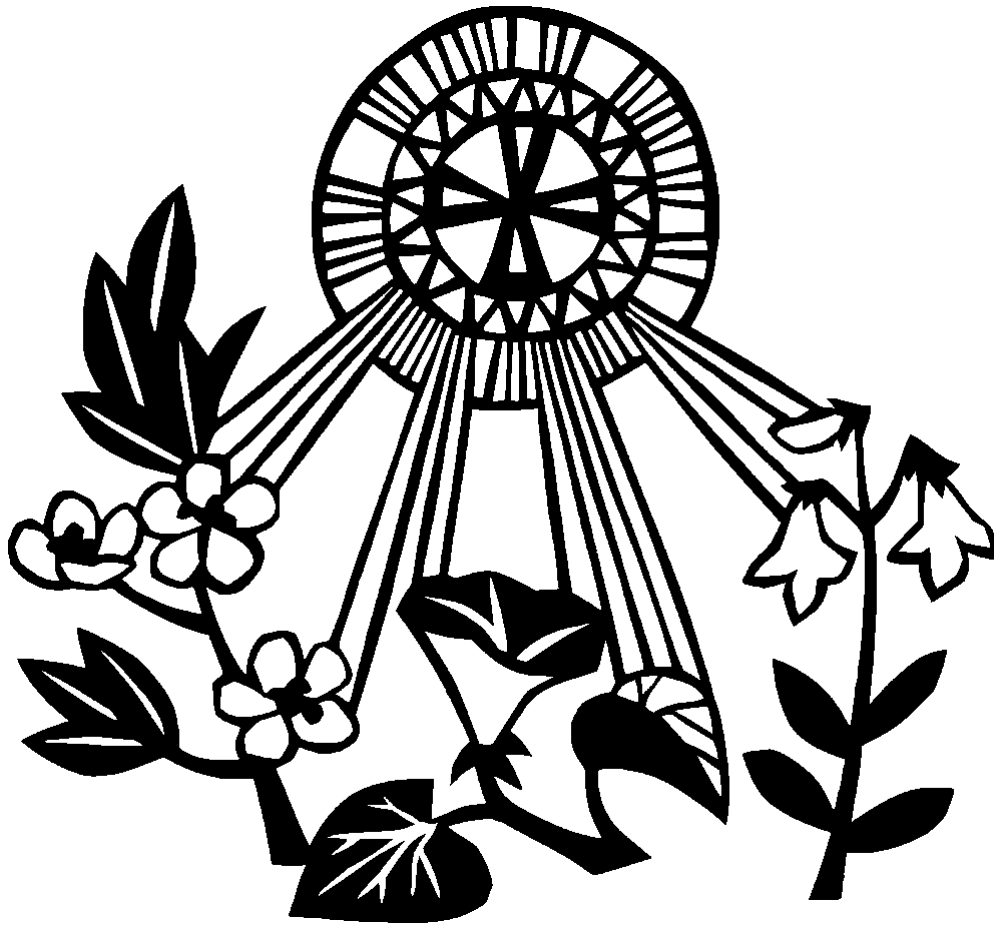


**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
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**MORNING PRAYER RITE II
MAY 14, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM**



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OPENING HYMN H 657 *How Wondrous and Great All stand*

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says: Let us kneel and confess our sins to God.

Please kneel as able. Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of 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 *All stand*

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

INVITATORY

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM: 66:7-18

⁷Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- ¹⁰You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- ¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹²I 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.
- ¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- ¹⁴Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- ¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- ¹⁶If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁷But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- ¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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 *Please be seated*

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

On his second missionary journey, Paul has crossed Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and has arrived in Athens, a city known for its interest in the divine and for its openness to discussion of philosophies and religions. He now tells the good news to those gathered at the edge of the marketplace.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with the ringing of a bell.*

CANTICLE GC #2 *Please stand*

1. Sing your joy, pro - claim God's glo - ry!
2. All the earth is filled with re - joic - ing,
3. May we learn to be - come your King - dom.
4. Light our way, O God of the liv - ing,

Rise and sing, the morn - ing has come!
Light and life the won - der of God!
May we be your kind - ness and truth!
May we learn to see with new eyes!

Bless our God and praise all cre - a - tion;
Christ has tri - umphed! Ris - en for ev - er!
Love is our call - ing, gift of your pres - ence;
Je - sus the Lord, our pow - er and prom - ise;

Song of the earth, and light from heav - en:
Joy of our hearts, and hope of our dream - ing:
Chil - dren of God, and spir - it of Je - sus:
Light for the blind, and food for the hun - gry:

God is a - live! Al - le - lu - ia!
God is a - live! Al - le - lu - ia!
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SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:13-22 *Please be seated*

The author has exhorted his readers to live ethical lives and not to repay evil for evil. They face persecution for their faith. He asks: who will weaken your faith or cause you to lose it all together?

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with the ringing of a bell*

THIRD READING JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus has told his followers of his impending departure from them. He has told them that he is going, through resurrection and ascension, to the Father, to prepare a place of permanent fellowship for them. He will return to take them there, a place where there is ample room for as many as believe.

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with the ringing of a bell.*

SEQUENCE HYMN H 516 *Come Down O Love Divine Please stand*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long,
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

THE MESSAGE Sky Carroll, Licensed Preacher

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Officiant and People*

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The lector will begin the prayers. Please pray a collect as you feel led.

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of God's praise to be heard, saying, "**We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.**"

Lord Christ, you have not left us orphaned, but have given your Church an Advocate. May that same Holy Spirit teach us to keep your commandments and comfort us with divine love.

We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.

Loving God, bless the suffering. May those who suffer for doing good find a friend in Christ Jesus. May those who suffer from disasters beyond their control find you attentive to the voice of their prayers.

We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.

Lord of heaven and earth, you made the world and everything in it. You give to all mortals life and breath and all things. May we be faithful stewards of all you have created. Hear now our thanksgivings:

You are invited to offer thanksgivings aloud or silently.

We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.

Merciful Lord, bless the people of this city with a spirit of gentleness and reverence. May we be set free from fear to live, instead, in hope.

We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.

God, you are not far from each one of us. You love us as your children. Reveal your love, especially this day, to the sick and sorrowful. We pray especially for:

Mike & Judy – Doug – Greg – David – Robin – Beverly – Ryan – Jack – Brandon – Mark – Lisa – James – Dick C. – Gethsemane Ministries – Sheree – Connie – Cindy’s family – Liam’s family – Ralph – Karen – Andy – Don – and Shirley.

Hear also these concerns on our hearts:

You are invited to offer petitions aloud or silently.

We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.

We thank you for the blessings of family life, for mothers and those who mother wherever there is need. Bestow upon them gifts of patience, wisdom, love, and devotion. **Strengthen and guide them that they might reflect your love.**

We pray for forgiveness and healing wherever strained or broken relationships exist between mothers and their children;

That you might bring wholeness and peace even beyond this life.

We remember mothers who have died, yet remain alive in memories:

May their legacies work for good in the world.

Heavenly Father, you hold our souls in life. You have saved us in baptism. Because your Son Jesus lives so do we rejoice in the hope of unending life in you.

We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.

FIRST COLLECT

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.** *Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

OFFERTORY *Please be seated*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *Please stand and sing:*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Officiant: Let us give thanks to God our Father for the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ
Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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CONCLUDING SENTENCE

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.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

CLOSING H \$405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVINGS

HONORING MOTHERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spiritual Writing & Sharing Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. through May
Vestry Meeting next Sunday after worship

SUNG BENEDICTION GC #577

*May God bless and keep you (us); may God smile on you (us).
May God show you (us) kindness, fill you (us) with peace.
And may God bless you (us), Father, Son, and Spirit;
may we always love and serve, filled with God's peace.*