

# The Episcopal Diocese of Maine

## Sunday, May 17, 2020

### Morning Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Prelude**

**Simple Gifts**

*Joseph Brackett Jr.*

*Ms. Johanna Stickney, flute*

**Welcome**

*The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown*

**Processional**

*Ms. Pamela Kinsey, piano*

**Hymn 60, LEVAS Hymnal, How Great Thou Art**

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O lord my God, when I in awesome won - der Con sider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll-ing thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u-nive-re dis - played. Then sings my soul, my ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my Soul, my ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

## Opening Sentences

*Mr. Benjamin Cooke*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

## Confession of Sin

*The Rev. Andrew D'Angio White*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 Priest says*

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

## The Invitatory

*The Rev. Kevin L. Kinsey and Ms. Pamela Kinsey*

*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 forever. Amen.**  
**Alleluia.**

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

**Christ our Passover**    *Pascha nostrum* (S48) *Ms. Pamela Kinsey, Cantor*

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***  
    therefore let us keep the feast,  
**Not with 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 in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in His life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 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.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed 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 forever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### First Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22.

*The Rev. Theodore Kanellakis*

*Reader:* A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but 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; yet 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who 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. And 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*Response*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading John 14:15-21

*The Rev. Lisa Fry*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.  
*Response*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown*

### The Apostles' Creed

*The Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley*

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.

## Offertory Hymn

*Ms. Pamela Kinsey, flute.*

### Hymn 694, God, be in my head

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God be in my head, and in my un-der - stand-ing; God be in mine eyes, and in my  
look - ing; God be in my mouth, and in my speak-ing; God be in my  
heart, and in my think-ing; God be at mine end, and at my de - part-ing.

## The Prayers

*The Rev. Kerry Mansir*

*Ms. Catherine Mansir, Ms. Sarah Mansir,*

*Ms. Molly Stickney and Ms. Abigail Stickney*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

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.

## Suffrages

*Ms. Catherine Mansir, Ms. Sarah Mansir,  
Ms. Molly Stickney and Ms. Abigail Stickney*

- 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.**

## The Collect of the Day

*The Rev. Andrew D'Angio White*

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

*The Rev. Theodore Kanellakis*

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.**

## A Collect for the Renewal of Life

*The Rev. Lisa Fry*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Mission

*The Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley*

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.**

## A General Thanksgiving

*The Rev. Lauren Kay*

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 ourselves 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.

**Recessional Hymn:**

*Rev. Kevin L. Kinsey, Kyle Goupille  
and Andrew Yaeger, Horns*

**Hymn 400, All Creatures of our God and King**

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All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Al-le-  
Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-ness, O

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale  
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and

sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! - ia!

**The Blessing**

*The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown*

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from another. **Amen.** *Genesis 31:49*

**Postlude**

**Winter Sun,**

*Ms. Pamela Kinsey, flute.*

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