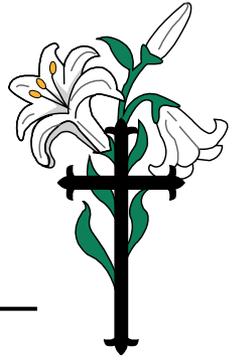


The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Prelude

Entrance Hymn

[tune: ELW 431]

*With joy we hail the sacred day,
Which God has called His own;
**With joy the summons we obey
To worship at His throne.**
Thy chosen temple, Lord, how fair!
As here Thy servants throng
**To breathe the humble, fervent prayer
And pour the grateful song.***

*Great God, we hail the sacred day
Which Thou hast called Thine own;
**With joy the summons we obey
To worship at Thy throne.**
Spirit of grace, O deign to dwell
Within Thy church below!
**Make her in holiness excel,
With pure devotion glow.***

*Let peace within her walls be found;
Let all her sons unite;
**To spread with grateful zeal around
Her clear and shining light.**
With joy we hail the sacred day,
Which God has called His own;
**With joy the summons we obey
To worship at His throne.***

Hymn Text: Harriet Auber (1867)

Easter Greeting

P: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.**

*P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God
who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which
he gives to us be with you all.*

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: God of all creation, in love and might you created all things and in your wisdom you set apart a time for rest as a remembrance and thanksgiving for the work you have done. Give us the strength and will to accomplish the work required of us and give us the humbleness of faith to take time to worship, honor and praise you for the blessings we receive. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 31:12-17

Keep the Sabbath

Now Yahweh God said to Moses: "Speak to the Children of Israel, saying 'However, my sabbaths, those are days you are to keep! For the Sabbath is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, so that you always know that I, Yahweh, make you a holy people. You are to observe the sabbath, for it is a source of holiness for you; whoever profanes it is to be put to death, yes, death! For whoever does the work of creating on the Sabbath is to be cut off from among God's people. For six days creative work will be done, but on the seventh day there will be a sabbath - a taking of a breath - holiness for Yahweh;

whomever does creative work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death, yes death! The Children of Israel are to keep the sabbath, making sabbath-observance throughout their generations, as a covenant for all the ages; between me and the Children of Israel, as a sign for all ages, for in six days Yahweh made the heavens and earth, but on the seventh day he ceased and paused-for-breath."

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 98

*O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.*

**His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.**

*The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.*

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.*

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.**

*Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.*

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Loving God is Obedience to His Commandments

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has emerged from God, and everyone who is loving Him loves the emerging of Him. In this we know that we love the children of God - when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever emerges from God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world if not the one believing that Jesus is the Son of God? This 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Verse

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

P: Spread the Good News over all the earth!

C: Jesus has died and is risen!

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were walking through the grain fields; and as they made their way his disciples began

to pluck heads of grain.

The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"

And *Jesus* said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Jesus entered the synagogue again and a man was there who had a withering hand. They watched *Jesus* closely to see if he would heal him on the sabbath so that they might accuse him.

And *Jesus* said to the man having the withered hand, "Stand here in the midst of us."

And *then Jesus* said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?"

But they were silent.

And looking around at them in anger, grieving over the hardness of their hearts, *Jesus* said to the man, "Stretch out the hand!"

He stretched it out and his hand was restored.

The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against *Jesus*, how they might destroy him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

[tune: ELW 879]

*Hail, thou bright and sacred morn,
Ris'n with gladness in thy beams!*

**Light, which not of earth is born,
From thy dawn in glory streams;
Airs of Heav'n are breathed around,
And each place is holy ground.**

Great Creator, Who this day

From Thy perfect work didst rest,
By the souls that own Thy sway
Hallowed be its hours and blest;
Cares of earth aside be thrown,
This day give to Heav'n alone.

Savior, who this day didst break
The dark prison of the tomb,
Bid my slumbering soul awake;
Shine through all its sin and gloom;
Let me, from my bonds set free,
Rise from sin, and live to Thee.

Blessèd Spirit, Comforter,
Sent this day from Christ on high;
Lord, on me Thy gifts confer,
Cleanse, illumine, sanctify:
Now thy love, Lord, shed abroad;
Lead me to the truth of God.

Sad and weary were our way,
Fainting oft beneath our load,
But for thee, thou blessèd day,
Resting place on life's rough road;
Here flow forth thy streams of grace;
Strengthened hence we run our race.

Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Offering & Offertory

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*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.*

**Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!**

*God be praised, for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.*

**God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

*Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!*

*Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.*

**Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal



Tuesday: Early Birds Bible Study, 7:00 a.m.

Thursday: Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

Friday: Wedding Rehearsal, 4 p.m.

Saturday: Funeral Mass for Richard Black
St. Columba, R.C. Church
Hopewell Junction, 11:30 a.m.

Wedding @ Grace, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday: Worship @ 8:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class @ 9:45 a.m.
Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

Outdoor Worship Resumes!

On Sunday, May 23 at 9:45 worship will be offered on the Memorial Lawn behind Grace. Bring a chair. Masks will not be required if Social Distancing can be maintained.

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