

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025 11:30 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Hymn #405 All things bright and beautiful

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria S 204

BCP 323

The 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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer

in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will

never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to Go*

Hymn #510

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to John

People: Glory be to thee. O Lord.

The Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me

say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II) BCP 340
Sanctus S 114

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

The Fraction Anthem S 154

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn # 467

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion , and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Randy Maurer, Debbie Burdge, Toby Weiss, Colleen Curry and her family.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Daniel Wertz, Jr., Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Brooklyn Balamuta & Family, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt.

Readers and Greeters — May-June 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

May 25th Doug Zawiskie & Tina Grata

June 1st Tina Grata & Colleen Curry

June 8th Pam Hysong & Tina Grata

June 15th Richard Burkert & Lisa Bell-Loncella

June 22nd Pam Hysong & Tina Grata

June 29th Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

May 25th Richard Burkert & Tina Grata

June 1st Jane & Gerry Strittmatter

June 8th Amy & Penn Whitlow

June 15th Amy & Penn Whitlow

June 22nd Sam & Heidi Buchan

June 29th Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

ECW Plant Sale

You still have time to purchase Plant Coupons to help the ECW Ladies.

Sunday: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 25th 11:30 am Holy Eucharist I

May 26th *Memorial Day*



Next Sunday: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday June 1st 11:30 am Holy Eucharist II

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

25 May 2025

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Clergy licensed in Pittsburgh, including the Rev. Bruce Bevans, the Rev. Miguel Carmons, and the Rev. Charles Weiss

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Honor of our
Deceased Military and their Families
During this Memorial Day weekend

Next Week's Readings

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service*