

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026 10:00 am**

### **Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*Hymn #323*

*Bread of heaven, we thee feed*

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

**Gloria in excelsis S280**

### **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 17:22-31**

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.”

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 66:7-18**

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in 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.

### **The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

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.

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Hymn #392**

***Come, we that love the Lord***

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ according to John**  
*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

**The Gospel: John 14:15-21**

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."

The Sermon

The Rev. Norman Erb-White

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

**Discernment Prayer**

*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

***Offertory Anthem “You Taught Me How To Pray” Choir***

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving (EP B) BCP 367  
**Sanctus 128**

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

**The Fraction Anthem S 167**

Communion of the People

***Hymn #398 I sing the almighty power of God***

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

***Hymn #405 All things bright and beautiful***

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*  
Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

For those unable to receive 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.*

### **Prayer 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:**

Catherine McCloskey, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, John Rogers, Carol Adams, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Keith Hipp, and Joanne Cieslo.

### **Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Marlene Rhin.

## **Flower & Plant Sale**

Don't forget, it's **Mother's Day**. Surprise her with a Coupon for a Hanging Basket or Pouch, or even a Flat of beautiful flowers.

Price for a Flat of 8 Packs is \$15.00

Price for a Hanging Basket or Pouch is \$20.00

## ***Readers and Greeters May 2026***

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell- Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

### **Sunday Readers**

May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Zawiskie & Colleen Curry
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Burkert & Donovan Pendell

### **Sunday Greeters & Ushers**

May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jane & Jerry Strittmatter

### **May Worship Schedule**

May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist    Rev. Norm Erb-White
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist    Rev. Norm Erb-White
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pentecost – Share the Feast</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist    Rev. Kimberly Karashin Services at St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset
May 31 <sup>rst</sup>	<b>Trinity Sunday – Share the Feast</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist    Rev. Kimberly Karashin Services at St. Mark's, Johnstown

## **Sunday: The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday: May 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

“Happy Mother’s Day

Thursday: May 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

## **Next Sunday: The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Sunday: May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Tuesday: May 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Calendar Meeting

Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

A very special “Thank You” to the Rev. Norm Erb-White our Celebrant at this week and next week’s Holy Eucharist Service.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Mark your Calendars for Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>**

St. Mark’s Parish will join St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset for Pentecost Service at 10:00 am.

Please contact the office if you need a ride to St. Francis.

The Rev. Kimberly Karashin will be the Celebrant at this Eucharist Service.



Please remember all mothers this Mother's Day, your own, yourself and those who nurture others in their daily lives. Those who counsel and assist friends, family members, neighbors and strangers. Those who care for animals, nature and the Earth. Perhaps you cannot be with your loved one today, but remember, they are always in your heart and thoughts.

### **A Mother's Prayer For You**

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!

~ *Anon.*

Happy Mother's Day to you and blessings to you and yours this month of May.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 May 2026

### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Community of Celebration, Bill Farra, director and The Rev. Steven McKeown, Chaplain; Shepherd Wellness Community, Richard Krug, Executive Director and the Rev. Chuck Esposito, Spiritual Advisor.

### Altar Flowers Given To the Greater Glory of God

In Honor of our Living  
Mothers & Grandmothers  
and  
In Loving Memory of our  
Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers

### Next Week's Readings

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

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