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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

## OPENING HYMN

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Celebrant: Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**People: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.*

*John 14.23*

## VENITE

### PSALM 95.1–7

Celebrant: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**People: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Celebrant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

**People: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Celebrant: For the Lord is a great God,

**People: and a great king above all gods.**

Celebrant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

**People: and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Celebrant: The sea is his for he made it,

**People: and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Celebrant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

**People: and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Celebrant: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**People: Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## THE PSALMS

### 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.

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.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE READINGS

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So, he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

**People:            Thanks be to God.**

## A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By 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 is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes 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.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 15:9-17

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## REFLECTION

### God at work in our world – knowing and sharing the Gospel of love

It has been argued that the Book of Acts is not great as a source for systematic theology, because God keeps breaking the mould and not playing by the rules. But it constantly demonstrates how active God is in drawing others into love and grace and motivating the church to demonstrate and proclaim that love differently. The Book of Acts consistently demonstrates to us that God's mission to our world embraces the ambiguity and complexity of life and draws the unexpected into the gambit of God's love and grace.

The stoning of Stephen in Acts 7 and 8 created a situation where the early church, through persecution, spread out of the comforts of Jerusalem. The common folk moved into the surrounding countryside of Samaria and Judea because of the opposition they faced. They were soon followed by the deacons of the community, like Philip, and then the senior leadership of the church in Jerusalem, like Peter.

Peter ended up in the coastal port of Joppa on the Mediterranean following the death of Tabitha or Dorcas who was a significant leader in the early church. While there, he stayed in the house of Simon the tanner, which meant he would have become defiled, and while praying on the roof God shows him a dream of non-kosher or unclean animals descending from heaven with the commandment for him to eat them. In the dream Peter protests, but the dream is repeated and leaves poor Peter puzzled.

On the previous day in the Roman city of Caesarea some three days walk from Joppa there is a Roman Centurion called Cornelius who is praying. He is a devote man who we are told “feared God”, gave alms to the poor and prayed constantly. And – oddly enough – God spoke to him! Cornelius had a vision in which an angel tells him to send for Peter in Joppa.

Before we know it, Cornelius and Peter are meeting up in Caesarea – the heart of the Roman Empire in the Palestine. In this awkward encounter Peter tries to justify why he is there, “You yourselves know it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean” (Acts 10:28), and shows a change of heart and how he sees the bigger picture of God’s mission to the world, “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him (God) and does what is right is acceptable to him (God).” God then acts in God’s own gracious way by pouring out the Holy Spirit on to these Gentiles and they displayed the same sign that the church experienced at Pentecost – namely tongues – and worshipped God.

There are a few anomalies here. First, these are Gentiles and up until now, those who received the Holy Spirit were Jewish followers of Jesus. Secondly, they had not been baptized in water and had not publicly, acknowledged their faith. The “circumcised believers” who were with Peter at Cornelius’ house were actually astounded that God would do this, because God is physically present with folk they thought of as “unclean” or “defiled”. Peter, realizing this is the direction that God is moving so, asks the rhetorical question, “Can anyone withhold the water of baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

From Peter’s perspective he has religiously defiled himself twice for the sake of showing God’s love and grace. He demonstrates that when God challenges our preconceptions and prejudices that God might simply be calling us to follow him and, in doing so, to step out of our comfort zone and watch God at work. In essence, Peter is simply tagging along and following God’s initiative in showing love and grace.

From Cornelius’ perspective this is inclusion in a faith and community who had previous deemed him “defiling” to be with. Finally, as one who has faithfully kept a private faith, he is included in the full story of the love and grace of God. He demonstrates that when there are times in our lives when we might feel so profoundly excluded from the love and grace of God, God will respond in such a wonderful and affirming way.

From the perspective of the “circumcised believers” – the onlookers or groupies in the story – be prepared to be surprised or astonished or horrified at what God can do. Be prepared to be challenged about who can experience the hospitality, welcome and affirmation of belonging found in baptism and inclusion in the church. Of course, they are the beginning of a long line of believers who need to hear “love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:9-17) and to “abide” in his love through obediently following where God shows love (I John 5:1-6). If we truly love God, then we will obey God in loving others irrespective of whether they meet our expectation or match our theological assumptions or fit our perception of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. If we know anything from the Book of Acts it is that God works with those we might think of as “unclean” or “defiled”, in the ambiguity and contradictions of life to demonstrate his love and grace. We are simply invited to be there when it happens and to be willing to participate by having our assumptions challenged as God works.

**People:        Amen**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**People: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

### #15 EASTER

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

Celebrant: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen.**

### THE COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**NOTICES:** Bible Study - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May from 7:30 to 9:00 via Zoom - Book of the Twelve or the Minor Prophets starting with Hosea.

### BLESSING:

Celebrant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

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### Assisting Rev. Simon today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Simon Bell  
Video: Simon Bell/David Paradis

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Joyce Antony & Family; Broomes Family; Adesh; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair's Mom & Dad; Kevin Hamann; Cecilia Mowat; Tanya Bowskill; Sheri Scott; Audrey Moody; Wally Raymond; Christine; Beth Steffler & Family; Kevin & Danielle Sullivan; Kim; Jeremiah Sullivan; AJ; Dorothy & Chuck; People of St. Vincent; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wendy; Adara; Jean Glionna; Sarah & Dee; Kaus; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Bobby Paradis & Family; Marg Thomas & Family; Lyon's Family; Jodine; Lynda Raye; Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Edison's Family & his Teacher who has Covid; Bill and Ann Canning; Tanya North; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Ron & Jane Lewis; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Sean; Sophia L; Amanda Stewart; Kathryn

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Laura Johnston & Family; Amy P. & Family; Marilyn Foley; Kadeem Broomes; Diane M.; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Mark & Winnie; Staff and Residence at Roberta Place; Brian W.; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Stephanie; Fr. Murray; Marg Abbott; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jordan; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Margaret & Gordon Kennedy; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Martin & Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

The Diocese of Busan (Korea)

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Oshawa Deanery