



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.

Prelude:

Dan Norman

Welcome

Steven Mackison

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Song of Praise: “Not One Sparrow is Forgotten” – *Shaker Song*

Mike Daley



Not one spar-row is for - got-ten, E'en the ra - ven will God feed



And the li - ly of the val-ley From his boun - ty hath its need.



Then shall I not trust thee, fa-ther, In the mer - cy have a share?



And through faith and prayer my mo-ther, Me-rit thy pro-tec-ting care?

The Collect of the Day

Priest: 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. **Amen.**

First Reading

Paul Pynkoski

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 17.22-31

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 66.8-20 – *George Black*

Catharin Carew

Refrain:



Be joy - ful in God, all you lands.

Let all peoples bless you, O God; make the voice of your praise resound.
You hold our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. **Refrain**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **Refrain**



Be joy - ful in God, all you lands.

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.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. **Refrain**

Let all who fear you come to me, and I will tell them what you have done for me.
I called out to you with my mouth, and your praise was on my tongue. **Refrain**

If I had found evil in my heart, you, God, would not have heard me;
But in truth you have heard me; and have attended to the voice of my prayer.
Praise to you, O God, you have not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld your love from me. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Didy Erb

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 3.13-22

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: “We Will Take What You Offer” – *John Bell*

Led by Will Reid

We will take what you offer,
we will live by your word;
we will love one another
and be fed by you Lord.

The Gospel

Roshni Jayawardena

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

“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.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 14.15-21

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

Homily

Susan Haig

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation Song: “If Ye Love Me” – *Thomas Tallis*

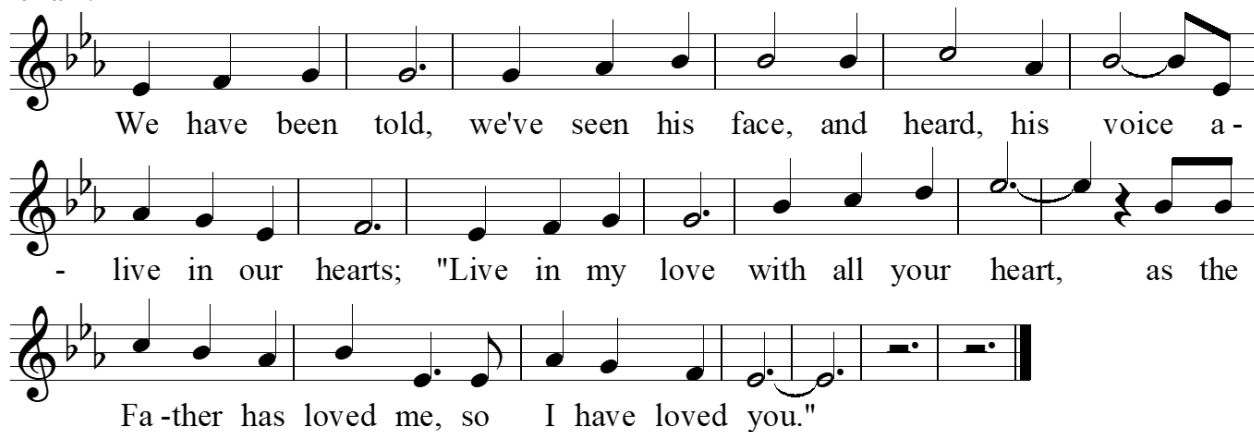
Virtual Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the spirit of truth;

Hymn: #699 (Gather) "We Have Been Told"

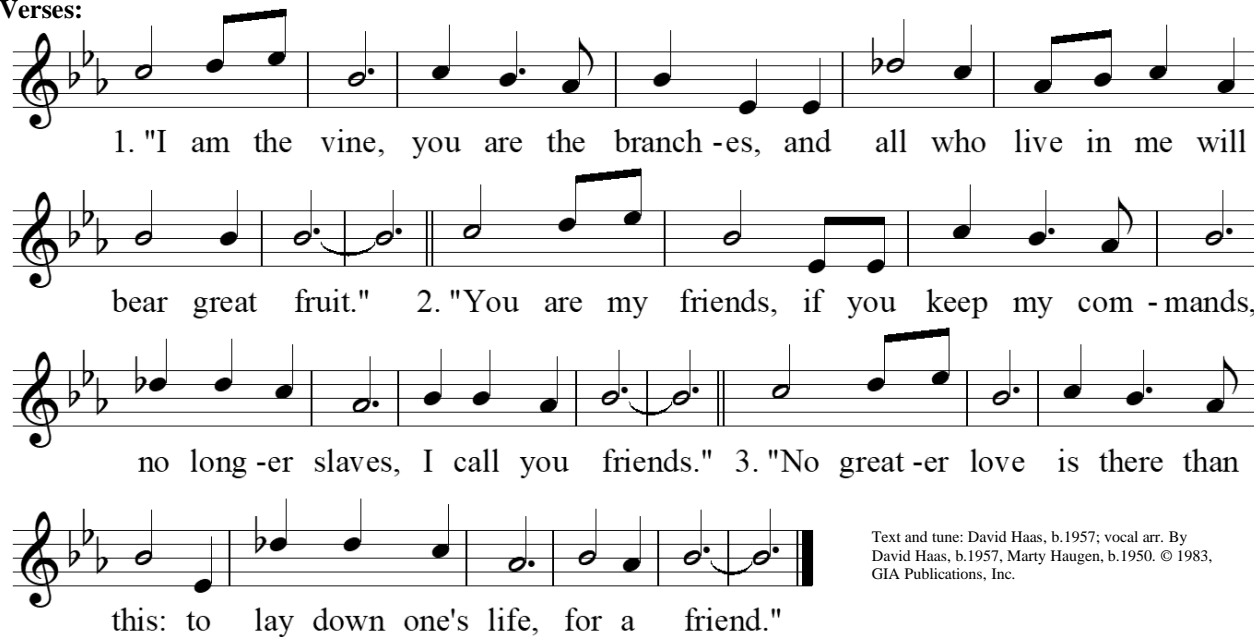
Mike Daley

Refrain:



We have been told, we've seen his face, and heard, his voice a -
- live in our hearts; "Live in my love with all your heart, as the
Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you."

Verses:



1. "I am the vine, you are the branch -es, and all who live in me will
bear great fruit." 2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com -mands,
no long -er slaves, I call you friends." 3. "No great -er love is there than
this: to lay down one's life, for a friend."

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The Prayers of the People

Peter Dale

Leader: As we gather in the company of the living God, let us pray for the church.

Please add your prayers for the church over in the chat box

God of all, we pray that the church may be alive with your risen life, refreshed and revived by the breath of your Spirit, and purified and refined like gold and silver, so that we truly offer the possibility of saving love to your searching world.

You are the one true God:

All: **And we long to worship you.**

Leader: As we gather in this land we call home, let us pray for the world.

Please add your prayers for the world over in the chat box

God of all, even though your children struggle with isolation and uncertainty, we give thanks that your creation is experiencing renewal as our impact on the earth and its resources is diminished. We pray for all in authority, that they may follow in the way of your Son, loving you and those they serve as themselves.

You are the one true God:

All: And we long to worship you.

Leader: As we gather to intercede for one another, let us pray for the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the lost.

Please add your prayers for those in need over in the chat box

Living God, we pray for those who are anxious and uncertain, and for those who feel out of their depth. Bring healing and wholeness to all who are wounded and broken. You are the one true God:

All: And we long to worship you.

Leader: As we gather to give thanks for the new life that awaits us, we pray for those who have died.

Please add your prayers for those who have died over in the chat box

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort their loved ones and reunite us all in your eternal peace and joy. You are the one true God:

All: And we long to worship you.

Leader: Lord of life, even in our disobedience you reveal the depth of your love for us.

Please add your prayers of thanksgiving over in the chat box

Holy God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All: Amen.

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: #565 (Common Praise) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Acapella (Recorded)*



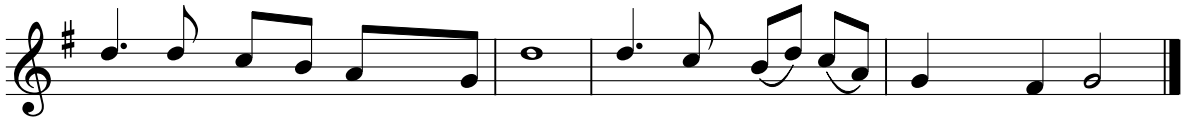
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. Op - en now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's des - truc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
Ca - naan's side: songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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The Dismissal

Roshni Jayawardena

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Announcements

Steven Mackison

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