

Sixth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father,
and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.
Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You have revealed yourself as the way to the Father.

Lord, have mercy.
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

You have poured upon us the Spirit of truth.
Christ, have mercy.
℟. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are the Shepherd of eternal life.
Lord, have mercy.
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us ✠ our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is recited.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING *Acts 10.44-48*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

℟. All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God. (*All repeat*)

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his own right hand and with his holy arm
he has brought deliverance. ℟.

The Lord has made known his righteous love
in the sight of all mankind,
and his faithfulness and truth
toward the house of Israel. ℟.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Let all the world be glad in him:
Sing, rejoice and give him thanks. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5.1–6

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word:
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him.

℟. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Jn 15.9–17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved
you. Abide in my love. If you keep my com-
mandments, you will abide in my love, just as
I have kept my Father’s commandments and
abide in his love. These things I have spoken
to you, that my joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love
one another as I have loved you. Greater love
has no-one than this, that someone lay down
his life for his friends. You are my friends if
you do what I command you. No longer do
I call you servants, for the servant does not
know what his master is doing; but I have
called you friends, for all that I have heard
from my Father I have made known to you.
You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you that you should go and bear
fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that
whatever you ask the Father in my name, he
may give it to you. These things I command
you, so that you will love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite the 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,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **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 worshipped 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.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

∩. Lord, hear us. ∩. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ∩. Lord, in your mercy, ∩. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∩. Rest eternal ☩ grant to them, O Lord;
∩. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may sit for the OFFERTORY. The priest may praise God for his gifts, to which all respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

All stand for the PRAYER over the OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

You have called us, Lord, to be your followers and washed away our sins. Accept our prayers and offerings, and make us worthy to receive the sacrament of your love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he ☩ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

**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.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is said.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is distributed.

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The service may be followed by REGINA CAELI.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

∩. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:
℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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