



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday of Easter ❖ May 17, 2020

Liturgy for Worship ❖ 10:00 a.m.*

Hymn 398 I sing the mighty power of God

Forest Green

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Officiant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 First Lesson Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 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 Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily The Rev. David H. May

The Prayers of the People

Leader In this holy season of the Resurrection of Jesus who will never leave us alone or comfortless, give us the eyes of faith that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; and with all our hearts say,

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We hold before God those for whom life is very difficult right now:
(Silence.)

Leader We hold before God all those who are sick or suffering especially during this worldwide outbreak of illness, that each may know the comfort of your loving, healing Spirit.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We hold before God all doctors and nurses, nursing assistants and all care-givers, all public health officials and those whose wisdom is needed to guide us towards renewed health and life.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We hold before God all those who may be especially vulnerable and who may be lost or forgotten, that the Spirit of the Good Shepherd may be alive among your people and bring them home.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We hold before God all those who hold the public trust as our elected representative and leaders, that you would endue them with your wisdom and love, for the benefit of the whole human family and for your glory.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We hold before God this parish family and the mission of your Church throughout the world, that you would knit us together in the powerful bonds of your love that draw your Kingdom near.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We hold before God those who are disappointed in something which they had hoped for very much, and for those who are sad because someone they loved has died, especially remembering Joy Massie and George Moncure.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We hold before our loving God, our Shepherd who supplies our every need, our grateful hearts in thanksgiving for the unexpected joys of this life, for the gifts of human kindness we see every day, and for new life.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader O God who raised your blessed Son from the tomb of death and has made the whole creation new, grant that we may hear his voice and lead us, even now, from death to life, for his tender mercy's sake.

People **Amen.**

Leader These and all our prayers we offer as we pray together,

Leader and People

<p>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,</p>	<p>as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>
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Confession of Sin

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Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence is kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For**

the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

BCP, page 360

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude



Here is a collect that you may find speaks for your heart in this time of uncertainty, and is food for your soul.

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

--The Book of Common Prayer, page 461



Participants in this morning's service

Preacher: David H. May; **Officiant:** Eleanor Wellford; **Lay Readers:** Ellieblue Gurkin and Lucy Hagan; **Intercessor:** Tracey Ragsdale; **Musicians:** Nate Miller, Katharine Tibbetts, and Ryan Tibbetts, *Organist and Choirmaster*



The Parish Prayer List

Lacy Slabaugh Abbott, Jane Anderson, Bill Ashey, Agnes Atwill, Maggie Bassett, Charles Bryan, Barbro Caperton, Elizabeth Cary, Bill Collins, Nick Costas, Kendall Cray, Elaine Crisskus and family, Ann Robertson Davis, Betty Dixon, Stacy Dove, Melissa Evans, Ralph Fisher, Kristine Fitzgerald, Jim Frye, Laura Gilliam, Gordon Graham, Howen Greeley, Frank Grier, Bettsy Heggie, Lolly Hetherington, Cindy and Dave Horowitz, Donna Marie Joy, Betty

and Clyde Lamond, Terry Lardizabel, Katherine Mezger, Dover Moore, Harry Moore, Wende Patton, Alex Peavey, Randy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Elizabeth Romeo, Lori Rowland, Kelly Ryan, Dick Sage, Shelby Slaughter, Bruce Spain, Josh Spain, John Stallings, Jackson Steele, Emma Grace Stiff, Bob Swinson, Otissay Thompson, Robin Underwood, Ruby Walton, Addie Waters, Judy Wei, Whitley, Sigrid Whittle, Trish and Gary Wilkins, Jack Williams, William Wilson, and Katherine Youell. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children**, especially Claire and Adam Hahn. **For those who have died. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** *Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea and the Most Reverend Moses Nagjun Yoo, Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon.* **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Stuart Hughes, Jack James, Alec Mackenzie, Alex Newsome, Randy Reynolds III, C. Russell Timmons, and David M. Tonacci.