

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
May 10, 2026  
10 a.m.

## Gathering in Joy

**Prelude: Come Down, O Love Divine**

Mark Sedio (v. (1954-))

**Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #400 All creatures of our God and King (v. 1-4)**

### **The Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, who gives us life, help us to bring unity to our lives so that we can bring unity to others. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

## Listening for God's Word

### **The First Reading - *Acts 17:22-31***

Paul stood ... 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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:7-18** (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 673**

### **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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #405 All things bright and beautiful*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger, Bob Hartung and Confirmation Students

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**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.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

adapted from *Glimpses of Glory*

The response to "Lord, may we know you" is **and the power of your resurrection**

*The Presider ends with this prayer*

In you is our hope, O Christ, who died and now is risen, and lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

# Celebrating Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem: If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

## The Presentation Hymn: *Wonder, Love and Praise (WLP)*, #765 O blessed spring

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

5 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

9 Bless-ed is he whømes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### *The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to

a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Peter, Philip, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

*Elevation:*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God**

Norah Duncan

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*The Presider continues*  
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**The Communion of the People**

## Communion Music: Goin' Home

Marianne Kim (1972-)

### The Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider and people together*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Sending Forth*

### The Blessing

#### Mothers Day Blessing

Mother God, who birthed the universe and us in it, bless all who fill the role of mother. We thank you for those who have given birth to us physically or spiritually or emotionally. We thank you for the mothers who have reared us, shaped us, held us, nurtured us, held us close and let us go. We pray for mothers whom we mourn because of death, brokenness, or alienation. We pray for mothers and would-be mothers who mourn the loss of children or the inability to bear children, or the hard choices they have had to make. We ask for your healing in our imperfect lives. Be with us this day, loving God, who entered our human life through a mother, and bless all who strive to embrace your way of love. **Amen**

#### Layette Sunday Blessing

**Tell Out My Soul: Ministry Moment Laurel Mosteller** (*laurelmosteller28@gmail.com*)

**Youth Education, Godly Play**

#### Eucharistic Visitor (*occasional*)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send you forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

**All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.**

*When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.*

**Birthdays:**

*Stephanie Gill*      05/13

*Debbie Ryan*      05/16

**Anniversaries:**

*Charlie & Jeanné Hannum*      05/13

*Douglas & Bryan Pneuma*      05/14

**Birthday & Anniversary Prayer**

**BCP 830**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Announcements**

- Consider donating to the food cupboard. Donations will be matched up to \$1,000 for the entire month of May, our third generous match offer.
- Silver and Gold Themed-Welcome Luncheon: All are invited to celebrate our newcomers on Sunday, May 17. Gluten-free and vegetarian lunch options will be available.
- Parish Picnic: We will have Morning Prayer on Sunday, May 31 at 10 a.m. at Fort Washington Park. See the newsletter for more information on donations and directions.
- Before you leave today, please pick up collect booklet created by our Confirmation students.  
*One per family.*
- Scan the QR code below to access the recent newsletter.



**Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #400 All creatures of our God and King (v. 5-7)**

**The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude: Erscheinen Ist der Herrliche Tag**

Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

**Worship Ministers**

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**Preacher:** *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

*(with assistance from Bob Hartung, Lana Fabijonas, Bekah Burke and Confirmation Students)*

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