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MORNING PRAYER II
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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"Live in Peace."

~ 2 Corinthians 13:11

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Opening Acclamation

(BCP Page 78)

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. ~ *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 79)

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and 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

(BCP Page 80)

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.*

... everyone who
**BELIEVES
IN HIM**
receives
**FORGIVENESS
OF SINS**
through His name.

Acts 10:43

The Invitatory and Psalter

(BCP Pages 80-81)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and 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. Alleluia.*

Pause.

Officiant: Alleluia. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Jubilate

(BCP Pages 82-83)

Officiant and People

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;**
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

*Know this: The Lord himself is God;**
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
*go into his courts with praise;**
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
*his mercy is everlasting;**
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 66:7-18

(BCP Pages 674)

Officiant and People

7 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.

*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 LESSONS

A Reading from Acts 17:22-31

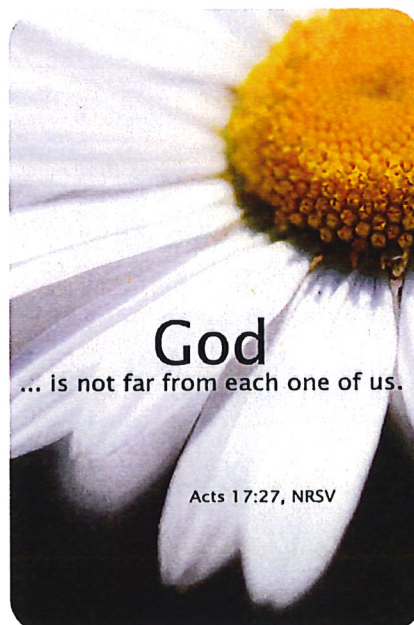
Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, 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."

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

(Hymn #405)

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each
2. The
3. The
4. He



1. lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, he
2. pur - ple head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by, the
3. cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the
4. gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how

Repeat Refrain



1. made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings
2. sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
3. ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them 'ev - ery one.
4. great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.



A Reading from 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.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: Be Thou My Visitor

(Hymn #488)



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; all else be
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won, may I reach



1. nought to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by
2. with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I
3. hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun! Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be-



1. night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
2. be; thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
- 3. fall, still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

A Reading from John 14:15-21

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.

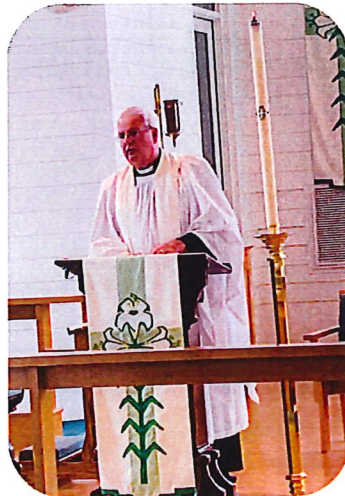
"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

A Reflection

The Reverend Jim Friedel



Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

(BCP Page 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

*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.*

Suffrage A

(BCP Pages 97-98)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. *And grant us your salvation.*
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day: Sixth Sunday of Easter

(BCP Page 225)

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.*

A Collect for Protection

(BCP Page 832)

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Mission of the Church

Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Inspire our witness to your Son Jesus Christ, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. Strengthen the faithful in our midst, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us to unify our hearts and minds in our love and service to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.

Offertory

(BCP Page 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

~Ephesians 5:2

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Officiant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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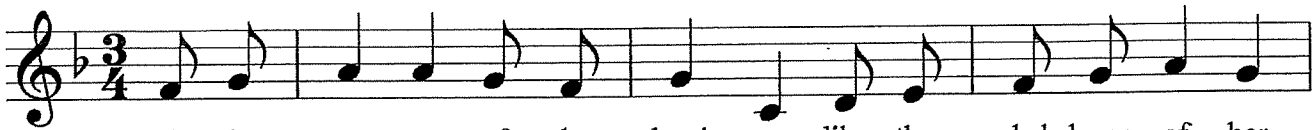
Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

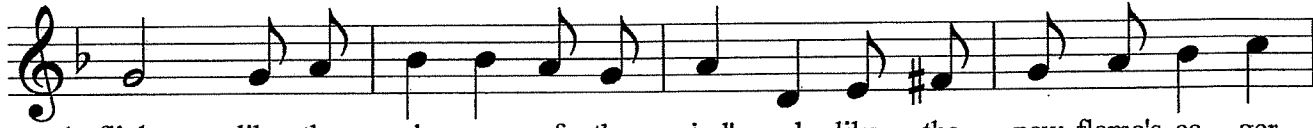


Hymn: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

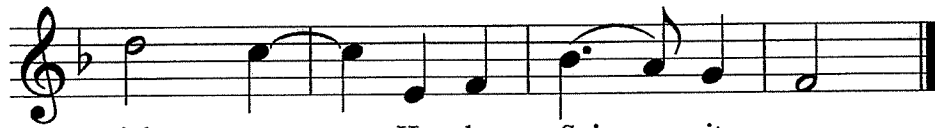
(Hymn #513)



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



1. flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
2. Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
3. prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



1. might: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
2. sign: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
-3. pare: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

The Blessing

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Officiant Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Officiant

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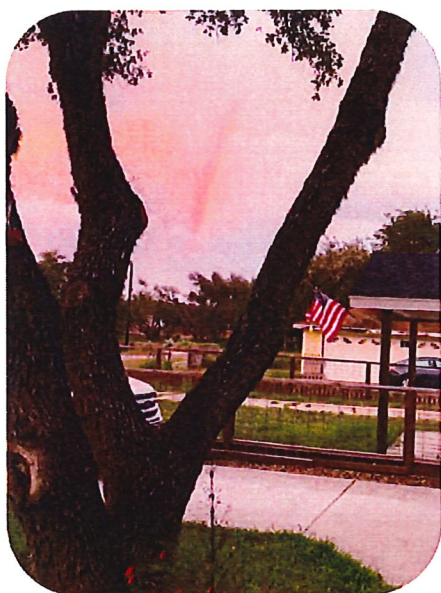
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* ~*Ephesians 3:20, 21*



ALL THINGS BRIGHT
AND
BEAUTIFUL



SO HAPPY that Larry Heidt, Steve & Charlene Williams and the guys are able to keep our grounds beautiful!



From Elise Olexa
I took this from our front porch last Saturday.
All is still well with the world!



Ms. Dodi is anxiously waiting new arrivals to prepare and fold for Castaways!



Meredith Carter is music to our ears!



If you feed them, they will come!
Blessed to have this "birds'-eye" view from our office windows!

