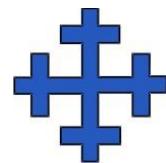


May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us



St. Mary of the Harbor



May 22, 2022

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Where the land, the sea and the sacred meet

# The Holy Eucharist

Hymnal 204

Now the green blade riseth

Noel nouvelet

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## The Collect for Purity

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.

S 280

Glory to God

*Gloria in excelsis*

Canticle 20

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## The Collect of the Day

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 Reading

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*The reader says, Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

*All reply, Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 67 *read responsively by the half verse*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
    show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
    your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
    for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
    may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
    and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*The reader says, Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

*All reply, Thanks be to God.*

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend William W. Rich

## The Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan  
 2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,  
 3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:  
 earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.  
 suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cen - ded to the dead.  
 saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.  
 We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,  
 We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's King to rule and reign,  
 So by faith, our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,  
 vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.  
 to the Fa - ther's side as - cen - ded till as judge he comes a - gain.  
 we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader:* Let us join our voices with Lydia, Paul, John, and all the saints, as we offer our prayers and thanksgivings, responding, “Hear us, O risen Lord.”

*Leader:* In thanksgiving for the Word, that may we follow our Lord’s voice, receive his gift of love, proclaim his message of hope, and seek the unity of all faithful pilgrims; let us pray to the Lord. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* In thanksgiving for the springs of forgiveness in which God’s love enfolds us, releasing us from the captivity of our sins and welcoming us into a new life of liberty and freedom; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* That the healing Christ may be with those who are ill, especially: Sandra Powell, Julie, Cameron Sager, Hazel Everett, Ken Barry, Tawanda deNagy, Shirley Baker, David Brunelle, Bobby Taylor, Mohammed Hameed, Tom Peters, Joan Walter, Anika Costa, Carol Studley, Helen Sutila, Ron Kershaw, Cecelia Hall, Diana Hardy, Marcia McClure, Christian Hegarty, Leslie Blaut, Christine Maloney, Scott Ashley, Sam Adams, Anthony Guerriero, Reverend Al Haversat, Miriam Collinson, Frank Milby, Christopher Mistretta, Reverend Ken Thomas, Marcel d’Anjou, William and Stephanie Buffone, Priscilla McChesney, Frank Meserini, Maureen Cronin, Hyacinth Ranch, Gladys Taylor, Teri Delaney, Duane Steele, Quincy Wood and for those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, or those known only to you, [pause for names to be added] let us pray to the Lord. And those who care for them, bringing hope to all who are troubled or who dwell in interior darkness; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* That mutual respect and equity may thrive among all peoples and nations of the world, providing water, agricultural abundance of food, development, and hope throughout the global community; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* That war may cease in every land, especially in Ukraine, and that those who serve in the military may return to their homes and loved ones; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* That we may prepare to join our wills to the will of the Holy Spirit, to move where the winds are driving, and to be set on fire in the service of God’s holy word; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* For the children, teachers, and caretakers at Baobab Children’s Home and the Stephen Tito School in Tanzania, that they may continue to know your love and grow in grace; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* We pray for our brothers and sisters who have pledged their lives in service to our nation and the world, especially those who serve in the military, those who protect our communities and those who work to ensure the health and wellbeing of all of God’s people; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* In thanksgiving for those who have died, and especially for our grandparents, parents, mentors, teachers, and all who were important in our lives, and who now reside in the blessed company of all the saints; for this we pray. ***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

*Leader:* O God, you have prepared good things for those who love you; pour your love into our hearts as we continue our prayers, singing:

The payers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## Offertory Anthem

**WLP 727** As panting deer desire the waterbrooks – Performed by St. Mary's Choir    Woodslake

## The Presentation of the People's Gifts

### Presentation Hymn

**Hymnal 416**

For the beauty of the earth  
(omit v. 3)

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

*Wine and grape juice are consecrated for Holy Communion. Consecrated wine is served in the silver chalice and consecrated grape juice is served in the crystal chalice. Please indicate to those who are serving the wine and grape juice, which you would prefer to receive. Gluten free hosts are available. For those wishing to receive it, there is also sacramental anointing with oil and prayers for healing offered during Communion at the back of the church.*

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer C

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* By your will they were created and have their being.

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* By his blood, Christ reconciled us. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* And so, Holy God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Miriam, Ruth, and Mary; God and Abba of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name.

*People* *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises. O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

## The Lord's Prayer *traditional form*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
*People* Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

### Communion Hymn

**Hymnal 490** *I want to walk as a child of the light*

*Houston*

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Holy God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Blessing

**Hymnal 345** *Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise  
(all verses)*

*Ellers*

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
*People* We go in the name of the Lord of Love. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### Clergy

The Rev. William W. Rich, Presider  
The Rev. Bruce Mason  
The Rev. Charlie Nichols

#### Musicians

Bill Carlson, Organist  
Susan Mitchell, Vocal Soloist  
St. Mary's of the Harbor Choir

#### Church Office Hours

Wednesday & Friday 10:00AM – 5:00PM  
Art Tupper, Office Manager [Smoothoffice@gmail.com](mailto:Smoothoffice@gmail.com) 508-487-2622

*Copyrighted music used with permission under OneLicense.net # 708867-A*

# St. Mary of the Harbor The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022—10 AM

## **Interim Rector, Presider, and Preacher**

The Reverend William W. Rich

## **Deacon**

The Reverend Charlie Nichols

## **Intercessor**

The Reverend Bruce Mason

## **Organist**

Bill Carlson

## **Acolyte**

Mary Jo Avellar

## **Lector**

Brian Talbot

## **Healer**

Harry Ellsworth

## **Ushers, Altar Guild**

John Carroll, John Loftin

## **Hospitality**

Martha Wilson

## **Livestream**

John Carroll-Yagel

## **Welcome**

Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you at St. Mary of the Harbor. When you enter this harborside church, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. We welcome you as Christ has welcomed us—with open arms and open hearts. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

## **Holy Communion**

With COVID-related restrictions lifted, the Sacrament will again be distributed in both kinds, and the Cup will be offered to those who wish to receive it. Intinction, however, is still discouraged by the Diocese. If you feel uncomfortable partaking in the common Cup, you may touch the base of the Cup gently instead of drinking or intincting.

## **Following Today's Service**

Coffee and refreshments will be served in Nicholson Hall. You are welcome to join us.

## **This Week at St. Mary's**

### **Wednesday, May 25—12 noon**

#### **Noonday Prayer**

A weekly, Zoom-based gathering for prayer and conversation. To receive a meeting code and password, please contact Deacon Charlie at [ack4me@comcast.net](mailto:ack4me@comcast.net).

### **Saturday, May 28—8:30 am**

#### **Strength for the Journey**

A weekly, emailed, lay-led service of contemplation and healing. To join in, email Priscilla Jackett at [pjackett@comcast.net](mailto:pjackett@comcast.net).

## **Many Hands**

Each Sunday, our worship is enhanced and enabled by acolytes, lectors, choristers, ushers, altar-guild members, and other volunteers. We always need—and welcome—new volunteers. If you can help, please contact our junior warden Tim Brown at [tim@seascaperealty.com](mailto:tim@seascaperealty.com).

## **Supporting the Walk for Home**

On Saturday, June 11, please join the St. Mary's team (headed by Khristine Hopkins) for the annual "Walk for Home," which raises much-needed funds for the Cape's Homeless Prevention Council. HPC has seen a staggering 60% increase in its client numbers since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Even if you can't participate on June 11, your financial support is crucial, and there are two ways to give:

Make your check payable to "HPC" and drop it in the mail to Khristine Hopkins, 18 Alden Street, Provincetown, MA 02657

—or—

Contribute online by linking to the St. Mary's team on HPC's web site at <https://give.hpccapecod.org/team/425488>.

## **In Case of Need**

If pastoral needs should arise, please contact the Reverend William W. Rich, Interim Rector, at 774-383-1236 or [WWRich53@protonmail.com](mailto:WWRich53@protonmail.com)

## **The Church of St. Mary of the Harbor**

517 Commercial Street

Provincetown, MA 02657

508-487-2622

[www. stmaryoftheharbor.org](http://www.stmaryoftheharbor.org)

## **Following Today's Service:**

Coffee and refreshments will be served in Nicholson Hall. You are welcome to join us. To mark Rogation Sunday, we will be doing some planting in our Garden. Your help would be most welcome.

## Thoughts in Transition

*from the Interim Rector*

From time to time, I will be writing to you with some reflections during this time of transition. I hope you will find them helpful.

St. Mary of the Harbor is in a time of significant transition. Your former rector has retired, and what was familiar has given way to a time where things are unfamiliar and in flux. All of us have had such times of transition in our personal lives, as we moved from one chapter of life into another. And we can remember the mix of feelings we had at such times: excitement, trepidation, wonder, and hope.

One of my goals as your Interim Rector is to help you bear whatever feelings you are having as we travel through this threshold time together. I can think of no better aids in this time than the three theological virtues St. Paul so eloquently spoke of in the thirteenth chapter of his First Letter to the Church – a parish really – in Corinth. They too were in a time of significant transitions, for after a time of growing the parish, Paul had moved on, and they were not sure how to manage things now that he has gone. So, Paul reminds them that they have three gifts that can buoy them up, and act as sources of strength as they face into the future. Those gifts are **faith, hope, and love**. And each gift has, if you will, a different time signature.

**FAITH** ~ Faith's time signature is the past. Faith has to do with remembering all the many past acts of grace and goodness that God has poured out on St. Mary's over the years. Remembering those good things with thanks builds up faith. For faith is, in essence, trust in God. Remembering God's past goodness and grace can remind you that God loves St. Mary's so well – as Jesus says in John's Gospel (John 14:18) – that you have never have been, and never will be, left comfortless, never left without God's strength.

**HOPE** ~ Hope's time signature is the future. "Hope is the imagination of things not yet seen." (Hebrews 11:1) So hope galvanizes your powers of imagination to picture the parish you want – and hope – St. Mary's will be in the years to come. Be specific in your hopes, as you pray them out to God, and share them with one another. Hope is a powerful dynamo of energy, and can remind you that just as God never left you in the past, God also will be with you in the exciting new possible futures you are imagining for St. Mary of the Harbor.

**LOVE** ~ Love's time signature is the present. And St. Paul is clear that the greatest gift we have in times of transition is love. Love turns us away from worry about the future and nostalgia for the past. Love grounds us in the present moment, for to be alive in this moment is a gift: to have the opportunity to show love right now by expressing care for one another, and providing whatever help you can for the parish as a family. I have already experienced the palpable love that shines out of you here at St. Mary's. There is no better way to live in the present, and to prepare to welcome your new rector, than to keep loving one another with all the grace and gusto you have. Nothing will be more of a beacon attracting new parishioners – and the best possible candidates for rector – than their seeing how much you love one another and this parish.

With faith, hope, and love,  
Bill Rich