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THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Pastor Barclay

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader 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!

Rev Johnson leads

THE CANTICLE

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

All: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *and alive

Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum

to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, *by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, *so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 66:8-20



⁸Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.

**9Our God has kept us a- | mong
the living and has not allowed our | feet
to slip. R**

¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us; you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

**11You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our
backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water, but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

**13I will enter your house | with
burnt offerings and will pay | you my
vows**

**14those that I promised | with my
lips and spoke with my mouth when**

I | was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;

I will give you ox- | en and goats. R

**16Come and listen, all you | who
believe,**

**and I will tell you what God
has | done for me.**

¹⁷I called out to God | with my mouth, and praised the Lord | with my tongue.

**18If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard
me;**

¹⁹but in truth | God has heard me and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

**20Blessed be God, who has not reject-
| ed my prayer, nor withheld
unfailing | love from me. R**

FIRST LESSON 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE

The Song of Miriam and Moses

(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * The Lord is his Name. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea. The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *who is like you,

glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *on the mount of your possession, The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *for ever and for ever.

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.

Reader from Concordia

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God**

THE CANTICLE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his
reign. Alleluia.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Fedorchak reads

THE GOSPEL 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."

The Gospel of the Lord People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Douglas Barclay

HYMN: Come Down, O Love Devine

1. Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear and kindle it, thy holy flame be stowing.
2. Oh, let it freely burn, till word-ly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.
3. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own short-com-ings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out pass the pow'r of human telling; no soul can guess Love's grace till it become the place where in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Deacon Mark Winzler leads

A LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is gracious:

All and God's mercy endures for ever.

God has loved us from all eternity:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And remembered us when we were in trouble:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

God became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

By Christ's cross and passion Christ has redeemed the world:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And has washed us from our sins in Christ's own blood:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

On the third day Christ rose again:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And has given us the victory:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

Christ ascended into heaven:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

And ever lives to make intercession for us:

All for God's mercy endures for ever.

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever.

Amen.

Deacon Fedorchak leads

For the gift of the Spirit:

All blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:

All blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:

All blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:

All blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:

All blessed be Christ.

For the lives of the saints:

All blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:

All blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:

All blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the

ages:

All blessed be Christ.

Pastor Barclay leads

THE PRAYERS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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

INTERCESSIONS

Deacon Winzler leads

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights

many will be restored to health:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

Pastor Barclay COLLECT FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.*

Reverend Johnson A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pastor Barclay A COLLECT FOR THIS TIME

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.

After each petition we pray,

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Reverend Johnson leads

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*Leader and People*)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

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.*

THE PASCHAL BLESSING

Pastor Barclay and Reverend Johnson bless the people alternating

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of
everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave
has won a glorious victory, give you joy as
you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples
with the life of the risen Lord, empower you
and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

HYMN: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood!'

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now:
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight
received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his

promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay:
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your
throne:

As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high
priest;
hear on earth both priest and
victim in the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood!'

Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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DAILY READINGS FOR May 16-22, 2020

Monday

Psalm 93

Genesis 9:8-17

Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday

Psalm 93

Deuteronomy 5:22-33

1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday

Psalm 93

Deuteronomy 31:1-13

John 16:16-24

Thursday

Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Friday

Psalm 93

2 Kings 2:1-12

Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday

Psalm 93

2 Kings 2:13-15

John 8:21-30