

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish. P. O. Box 277, Lusby, MD 20657

This service will be live streamed at 8:30 a.m.  
Parishioners are invited to attend in person at 8:30 or  
11:00 a.m. The services will be in the Parish Hall.  
Masks and Social Distancing will be required.

JUST AS THE  
FATHER HAS  
LOVED ME, I  
HAVE ALSO  
LOVED YOU;  
ABIDE IN  
MY LOVE.



## Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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## Acclamation

*Priest* Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Collect for Purity (*Unison*)

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.

## Response

### Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Doland Fishell, b.1950

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

1. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
2. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Text: Donald Fishell, b. 1950

Tune: ALLELUIA NO. 1, 8 8 with refrain; Donald Fishell, b. 1950

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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 Lessons

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## A reading from the first letter of John (1 John 5:1-6)

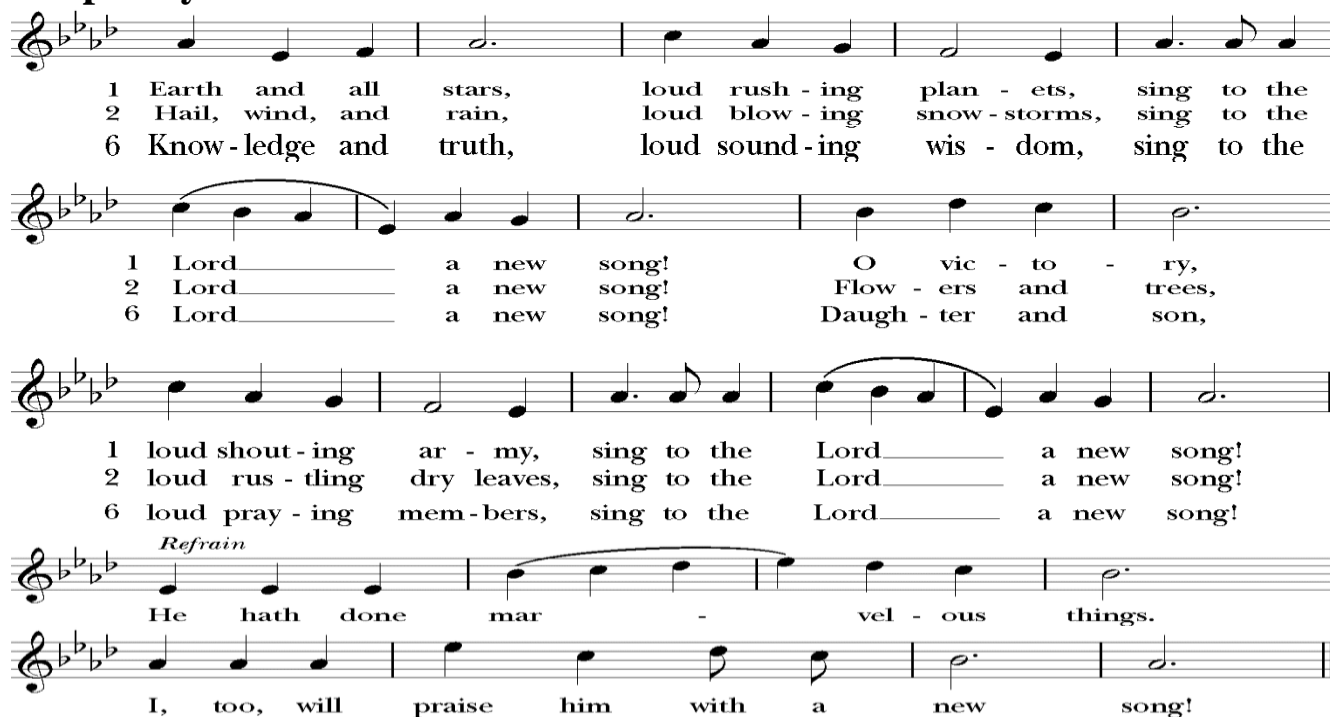
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water

only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the  
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the  
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the

1 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! O vic - to - ry,  
 2 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,  
 6 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,

1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!

*Refrain*  
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.  
 I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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## The Gospel

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 15:9-17)

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Reader*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response*    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

## **The Nicene Creed** *(Unison)*

**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** *The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *A period of silence is held.*  
For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in the Church.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this gathering. We pray especially for all who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

*The People are invited to voice their own petitions for those who are ill, in need, or have special concerns.*

Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray in thanksgiving for all those who are putting their lives at risk to care for the sick and provide essential services during the pandemic.

*The People are invited to voice their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *The People are invited to voice prayers for the dead.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

## **Collect**

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **Confession**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is held.*

*All* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**The Peace** *Following the ancient custom we greet one another with signs of peace first saying*

*Priest* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer A

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## Offertory Hymn

1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God;  
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done;  
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God;

1. For the gifts of ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God;  
2. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done;  
3. For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;

1. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
2. In the world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
3. For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that will con - found us,

1. Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
2. In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
3. Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Note: When guitar and keyboard play together, keyboardists should improvise using the guitar chords above the melody.

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# The Great Thanksgiving

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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.

*RiteSong*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.



*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(Unison – said if service is live-streamed)*

**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. And 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.**

### Post Communion Prayer *(Unison)*

**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.**

## Benediction/Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Tune AZMON arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



O for a thou - sand trees to sing and join with us this day, With  
Come ce - le - brate with all the land, let spe - cies rare be - gin, With  
How can we hear cre - a - tion groan, The Out-back cry in pain? With  
Let ev'-ry stream and ri - ver flow In song to - ward the sea; With  
O for a thou - sand trees to sing and join with us this day, With



ferns and frogs and but - ter - flies: A\_\_\_ for - est hymn of praise.  
geese and owls and coc - a - too; A\_\_\_ choir of con - try kin.  
des - ert dra - gons we re - joice When earth is born a - gain.  
whale, and seal and al - ba - tross We\_\_\_ thank God we are free!  
ferns and frogs and but - ter - flies: A\_\_\_ for - est hymn of praise.

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## Dismissal

*Leader*      Go in Peace to Love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia  
*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

### **PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY**

Celebrant	Father Beall
Deacon	Deacon Carpenter
Acolyte	Kaileigh Weems (8:30) Lainey Kury (11:00)
Altar Guild	Diane Davies
Pianist	Beth Lanier
Parish AV Crew	Jim Yoe, Jimmy Yoe, Tom Briggs, Jack Briggs, Jackson Broadus, Zach Connolly, Lochlan Weems, Anne Hayes

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Joan Shisler, Senior Warden  
Jim Yoe, Junior Warden  
Jackie Vos, Treasurer  
Anne Gross, Registrar & Giving Records  
Andy Connolly, Chair Finance Committee  
Dale Yoe, Backup to Treasurer  
Anne Hayes, Youth Representative

#### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sally Arbuthnot '24	Tom Briggs '22
Will Broadus '24	Laura Carpenter '22
Franz Kury '22	Mark Pesola '23
Anita Shepherd '24	Karen Wilson '23

# **SAFETY RULES FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**

- 1. Masks are required to be worn by everyone at all times.**
- 2. There will be ushers directing seating. Please do not move the chairs.**
- 3. Singing will be limited ONLY to Beth Lanier at the keyboard.**
- 4. Communion (wafers only administered by tongs) will be offered as directed by ushers.**
- 5. No coffee hour / food / drink will be offered.**
- 6. Bathrooms will be available upon request but must be sanitized by user with cleaning supplies provided prior to exiting.**
- 7. A paper and online Service Bulletin will be available.**
- 8. Non-contact temperature taking measures will be administered to onsite participants upon entering.**
- 9. When the service is over please exit the building immediately as directed by the ushers.**
- 10. Fellowship / small group gathering will be at the discretion of participants maintaining social distancing outside after the service.**
- 11. PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE VENTURING OUT JUST YET OR ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE SICK. Online services are still available, and the 8:30 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed.**