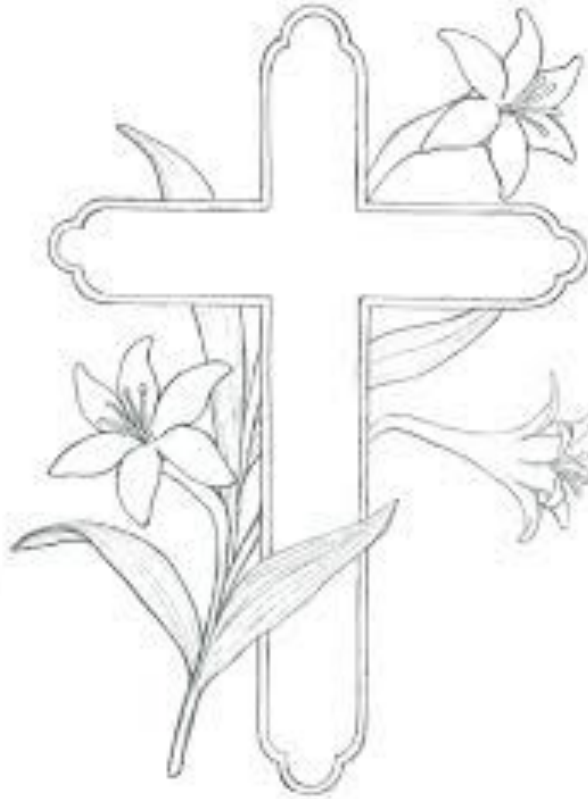


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May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:45 am Live Morning Prayer

**2100 Rock Spring Road
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Over 200 years at the heart of Harford County

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Instrumental Preludes A Gathering Prayer

BCP 76

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Silence may be kept. All kneeling.)

BCP 79

**ALL: 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: 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

(All stand)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: 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.



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Christ our Passover: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11, Corinthians 15:20-22
BCP 83

Alleluia. The Lord is risen in deed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the 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 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.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen in deed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm: Psalm 98

BCP 727

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 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.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

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 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.

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb: *Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10,13* BCP 93

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

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.

A Reading from John 15:9-17

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."

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 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 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**ALL: 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.**

Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collects

BCP 99

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.**

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.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Announcements

Prayers of the People

BCP 387

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop; Eugene Sutton our Bishop; Robert Ihloff our Assisting Bishop; Kirk Kubicek our Priest-in-charge, for those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; *Trinity - Elkridge, All Hallows' - Davidsonville, All Saints' - Sunderland*. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for *Joseph Biden our President, Larry Hogan our Governor, Barry Glassman our County Executive*. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Bless those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, *especially Slava Morris, Jarred Rahn, Yvonne Golczewski*, and those who are celebrating anniversaries this week. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; those named on the prayer list, the residents of the Harford Family House, and these others whom we now name before You, Lord God, either silently or aloud. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, *especially Herschel Fender*, and all others whom we remember before you Lord God, either silently or aloud. Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence. People may add their own petitions.)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

A Prayer for those affected by the Covid-19 Coronavirus

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Hymn

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

OR

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*

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God



In Thanksgiving for our Children

By Lyn Edmunds & Dave Fender

In Thanksgiving for our Children & Grandchildren

By Len & Mary Jane Parrish

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May God Bless You
this day and throughout the week ahead!

HYMN LYRICS

Imagine

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us, only sky
Imagine all the people
Livin' for today
Ah

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people
Livin' life in peace

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

John Lennon

Holy Ground

Take off, take off your shoes
This place you're standing, it's holy ground
Take off, take off your shoes
The spot you're standing, its holy ground

These words I heard in my burning bush
This place you're standing, it's holy ground
I heard my fiery voice speak to me
This spot you're standing, it's holy ground

That spot is holy holy ground
That place you stand it's holy ground
This place you tread, it's holy ground
God made this place his holy ground

Take off your shoes and pray
The ground you walk it's holy ground
Take off your shoes and pray
The ground you walk it's holy ground

Every spot on earth I trapse around
Every spot I walk it's holy ground
Every spot on earth I trapse around
Every spot I walk it's holy ground

Every spot it's holy ground
Every little inch it's holy ground
Every speck of dust it's holy ground
Every spot I walk it's holy ground

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HYMN LYRICS

Get Together

Love is but a song to sing
Fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing
And you may not know why

*Come on people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another
Right now*

Some may come and some may go
We shall surely pass
When the one that left us here
Returns for us at last
We are but a moment's sunlight
Fading in the grass

Chorus

If you hear the song I sing
You will understand
You hold the key to love and fear
All in your trembling hand
Just one key unlocks them both
It's there at your command

Come on people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another
Right now

Writer: Chester Powers

Better Times Will Come

Chorus

Better times, better times will come.
Better times, better times will come.
When this world learns to live as one,
Oh, better times will come

When we greet each dawn without fear
knowing loved ones soon will be near
When the winds of war cannot blow any
more

Oh, better times will come **Chorus**

Though we live each day as our last
we know someday soon it will pass
We will dance, we will sing
in that never-ending spring
Oh, better times will come **Chorus**

Oh, better times will come

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Please PRAY for those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially:

For the residents of Harford Family House; For peace and understanding in Baltimore;
For all the victims of recent terror attacks throughout the world; For the refugees leaving Syria and Central America in desperation; For those who suffer because of the extreme humanitarian crises; For all the people in the Middle East, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands; For the victims of natural disasters; For the communities that have experienced Mass Shootings & Riots.

For those on our prayer list: For Sue Tressler, Lynn Klein, Kevin & Linda, Anna Humphreys, Phil Klein, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Tara Schatzel, Dan Moss, Charles Getscher, Ken Edmunds Jr, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaughenou, Warren Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Lael, Jacqueline, Roland, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Hazel Borkowski, Lois & Richard Tidey, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Dave Fender, Sherry Cole.

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:

Vera Dalby; Glassell & Betty Parker; Anna Humphreys; Beth Hauser; Lyndon