

*St. James Episcopal Church
Westernport, MD*

*St Peter's Episcopal Church
Lonaconing, MD*

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021
Rogation/Mother's Day
The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

*Welcome! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.
 Please remember that we are still to wear masks and observe social distancing.*

We are asked to remember in our prayers: Shirley, Mary Ellen, Jerry, Rowland, Daniel, Robert, Evonne, Judy, James, Joey, Cara, Pam, Jean, Bev, Betty, Joe, Gail, Elaine, and for Kathy, Bob, Andy, Ann, Violet, Melanie, Janet, and those known to us and to God alone.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elaine Bosley and Betty Mauk.

If you know of others that should be added to the prayer list, please let one of the clergy know.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

- 1 Thou art the Way: to thee alone
 from sin and death we flee;
 and he who would the Father seek,
 must seek him, Lord, by thee.*
- 2 Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone
 true wisdom can impart;
 thou only canst inform the mind,
 and purify the heart.*
- 3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
 proclaims thy conquering arm,
 and those who put their trust in thee
 nor death nor hell shall harm.*
- 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
 grant us that Way to know,
 that Truth to keep, that Life to win,*

whose joys eternal flow.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE GLORIA

all standing

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

*For thou only art holy;
 thou only art the Lord;
 thou only, O Christ,
 with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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 Book of 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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow

The Psalm**Psalm 98***Cantate Domino*

- 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.

The Epistle: A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

all stand

Gradual

*Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
Our path when wont to stray;
Stream from the fount of heavenly grace,
Brook by the traveler's way.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

[15:9-17]

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

Sermon Hymn

Hymnal 1982, # 291

1. *We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*

2. *He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. (Refrain)*
3. *We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
the gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,
but chiefly thou desirest our humble, thankful hearts. (Refrain)*

The Sermon

Rev. Garrett H Carskadon.

all stand

The Nicene Creed

*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 Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

All kneel or stand, as you are able

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us
 to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men:
 Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty,
 beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church
 with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those
 who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word,
 and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers

especially Eugene and Robert, our bishops, and Garrett and John, our ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially Joseph, our president, and Larry and Jim, our governors], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Shirley, Mary Ellen, Jerry, Rowland, Daniel, Robert, Judy, Beverly, James, Joey, Cara, Pam, Jean, Bev, Joe, and Gail, and for Kathy, Bob, Andy, Ann, Violet, Melanie, Janet, Joan, and those known to us and to God alone; and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially Mary Margaret Chaney and Ruth Delana Fazenbaker on Mother's Day], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. James and St. Peter and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Minister and People

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins

and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Minister may then say one or more of the following [sentences](#), first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him: Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements *are printed at the end of the bulletin.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Doxology

*We give thee but thine own,
 Whate'ev the gift may be:
 All that we have is thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says
 The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God....

[Proper Preface] ...But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts:
Heaven and Earth are full of Thy glory;
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High!***

***Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the Highest !***

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble

servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

*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;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

All

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful
 Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold
 and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather
 up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord
 whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore,
 gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,
 and he in us. Amen.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

or this

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn

***1 O Throned, O Crowned with all renown,
Since Thou the earth hast trod,
Thou reignest, and by Thee come down
Henceforth the gifts of God:
By Thee the suns of space, that burn***

*Unspent their watches hold;
The hosts that turn, and still return,
Are swayed, and poised, and rolled.*

2 *And as, when ebb'd the flood, our sires
Kneel'd on the mountain sod,
While o'er the new world's altar fires,
Shone out the bow of God:
And sweetly fell the peaceful spell,
Word that shall aye avail,
"Summer and winter shall not cease,
Seed-time nor harvest fail,"--*

3 *Thus in their change, let frost and heat,
And winds and dews be given;
All fostering power, all influence sweet
Breathe from the bounteous heaven:
Attemper fair with gentle air
The sunshine and the rain,
That kindly earth with timely birth
May yield her fruits again;*

4 *That we may feed Thy poor aright,
And, gathering round Thy throne,
Here, in the holy angels' sight,
Repay Thee of Thine own:
That we may praise Thee all our days,
And with the Father's Name,
And with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
The Saviour's love proclaim. Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant [Alleluia! Alleluia!] Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People ***Thanks be to God. [Alleluia! Alleluia!]***

or

Celebrant [Alleluia! Alleluia!] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia! Alleluia!]**

or this
Celebrant [Alleluia! Alleluia!] Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia! Alleluia!]**

Postlude

Mutual Ministry Team

The Rev. Garrett H. Carskadon
 The Rev. John C. Martin, Jr.

Organists

Rev. Tom Hudson, St. James'
 Mr. Mark Steiner, St. Peter's

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Due to the pandemic, let us remember to be kind to those with whom we live, and to keep tabs on our close neighbors, family, and friends.

PRAYER LIST: Periodically we update the prayer list. Currently the bulletin contains the requested names for both parishes. If you know of a name that should be added (or one that can be removed) please call the office at 301-359-9970 or send an email to either stjames.westernport@mail.com or stpeters.lonaconing@mail.com.

CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY CONTINUING: Help is needed to set up for and man the Rectory for the re-opening of St. James' monthly clothing give-away Friday, May 14, 9:30-noon. If you now know of anyone needing emergency clothing due to fire, etc., please call the church office and we will try to arrange a time to be open to assist them.

If you would like to know more about the Clothing Give-away, or would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact John Martin or Garrett Carskadon.

COVID Update: At the present time, the general statistics for Allegany County seem to be fairly stable and low enough to allow us to gather on Sundays with distancing and masks. Mineral County has had an increase recently and we are watching it closely.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: We are considering doing outdoor Sunday worship occasionally during the summer months on the church lawns. Please plan to bring a lawn chair on these Sundays. We will notify you in advance as to what weeks we plan to worship outdoors.

FOOD PANTRIES: Both parishes are active participants in supporting the local food pantries. Donated food items may be left at the back of both churches and will be delivered periodically. If you would like to know more about the pantries, please ask John Fazenbaker at St. James and Mr. Tom Morgan at Lonaconing Presbyterian Church.

FACEBOOK: We are having a problem with the St. Peter's **facebook** page and are working to resolve it with the technology staff at our Diocesan Center. For the time being, updates and announcements for both parishes will be posted to the St. James, Westernport **facebook** page, and we will let you know when the St. Peter's page is up and running again.

UPCOMING YARD SALE AT ST. PETER'S: Being planned for sometime in June. Donations are being accepted.