

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday, Mother's Day and
Episcopal Charities Sunday**

Sunday 9 May 2021 at 10 a.m.
Officiant: The Rev. Canon Victoria Sirota
Lay Reader: Carrie Parkey



Hymn 405 "All things bright and beautiful"

The Congregation says the text in bold

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant 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.**

Hymn of Praise S277 *Gloria in excelsis* David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Officiant 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.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel **John 15:9-17**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 Leader and People pray responsively*

Most loving and gracious God, in these troubled times,
As we struggle with the ghosts of our past—
with man's inhumanity to man,
With prejudice, fear, anger and rage—
Please help us to be a just society.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Please help us to cherish all that you have given us:
The beauty of nature and the resources at our disposal,
The strength of who we are,
the variety of our backgrounds and cultures.
Please help us to face our rich history—both painful and courageous—
And learn the lessons that you are teaching us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Please protect and defend us from senseless acts of violence.
Please open our eyes that we may see each other with kindness.
Please open our ears that we may hear the voices of those who are different from us.
Please open our hearts that we may feel compassion and love towards all whom you have created.
Help us to be better than we think we can be.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For the beauty of the earth and the blossoming trees and flowers,
For the sun, moon and stars, and all that is here,
We thank you, Lord.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Grant us wisdom and courage, faith and love,
Bless us and use us, O Lord, we pray.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

On this Mother's Day, we thank you for all who are mothers, and for all who have mothered us. We thank you for Episcopal Charities and the good work that they are doing, and give thanks for the COVID-19 vaccines and for all who help to make them available. We give thanks and pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including Adelia Henderson and Chris Michel-Karsten, for all who listen to our weekly audio and on-line offerings, for this neighborhood of Getty Square, The Sharing Community and Westhab, The Salvation Army, the YWCA and the YMCA, the Yonkers Fire and Police Departments, all teachers, students and elected officials including our Mayor, for Saint John's Riverside Hospital, Saint Joseph's Medical Center, for all hospitals, nursing homes and group homes--including the VISTA Assisted Living Residence in East Harlem--and for all who work to help others.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our country and for a change in our policies so that ALL people are protected and defended. We pray for the families of Andrew Brown, Jr., Ma'khia Bryant, Adam Toledo and Daunte Wright, for all who mourn their passing, and for all impacted by gun violence--most recently in the Oneida Casino in Wisconsin, and in Indiana, Florida, Washington DC, Maryland, Illinois, Kansas, Seattle, Tennessee, Missouri, and Connecticut. We pray for all who are in danger by virtue of their labor, those who are in need of God's healing grace and those who are struggling with COVID-19, and we offer up healing prayers for Jane Metzger, Susan Spielmann, Linda Brown, The Rev. Canon Claudia Wilson, Tom O'Connor, Bob Walters, JoAnn Pilla, Joan Simpson Marszat, Philip Godlewski, Bill DiBartolo, Judy Hinsch, Dan Katz, Marie Baptiste, Margaret Arguinzoni, Denton Watson, Aida Carino, Shelly Henderson, Jill and Michael Potenza, Tom and Marianne Tonnesson, Robert Tracey, Connie Tracey, Jon Apolinario, Bill Randolph, Deacon Luis Rivera, Diana Wright, Phyllis Jackson, Adrian Campbell, Marsha Ra, Carla Navallo, Henry McNamee, Ruby Dixon, Joan Smith, Velma Crichton, Edith Williams, Carol Shoemaker, Judith Shorrocks, Catherine Corry, Anna Walters, Thomas Neale, John Farrell, Barbara Somers, Melinda Rosas, Donna Coyne, Benay Cooper, Linda Barta, Carla Jean DeBride, Naomi Henderson, Shaadira Smith, Roland Smith, Kelly Chadwick, Mary Sullivan, Al DeFeo, Melvyn Davis, Wendy Maxwell and Floyd Davis. We pray for Anthony Johnson, a Postulant for ordination as a deacon, for all who have lost their jobs and all who are struggling to pay rent and other expenses, for the Scavenging Workers' Children in India, for an end to hate crimes involving Jewish Synagogues, for all who have been treated less than justly—including Asian Americans and members of the Sikh Community—and for changing hearts surrounding issues of racism in America.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, including Olympia Dukakis, Lara Pilla, Walter Mondale, Andrew Brown, Jr., Ma'khia Bryant, Adam Toledo, Daunte Wright and all who have been murdered in recent gun violence, including the Casino Shooting in Wisconsin. We pray for those who have died from illness, natural disasters and warfare, and for the more than 580,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19. Today, we remember Elizabeth Hrizo in whose memory the flowers have been given, and we remember all of our mothers who have gone before us. We also lament those who have died over the centuries, including indigenous peoples, due to slavery, lynching, racism and the unequal and unjust treatment of peoples in this country.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Closing Prayers and Benediction

Officiant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Hymn 455 **"O Love of God, how strong and true"**

The flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Elizabeth Hrizo by her daughter Karen Marchewka.



EPISCOPAL CHARITIES SUNDAY SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE

Last May, 10% of New Yorkers reported not having enough food to eat. In December, that number jumped to 14%. That means 2,723,000 of our neighbors lack the ability to provide for their basic needs. On May 9th, please join us in celebrating Episcopal Charities Sunday in support of the life-saving work of the 62 feeding programs Episcopal Charities funds. 100% of your donation will go directly to these crucial food pantries, soup kitchens, and brown-bag programs. To donate, visit ec-ny.org/ecsunday or text SUNDAY to 91999.

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