



May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Announcements

Prelude:

Sheep May Safely Graze, J.S. Bach, arr. Egon Petri

Opening Hymn:

The spacious firmament on high

Hymn 409

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

BCP 355

The Word of God

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Let us pray together the Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria

Hymn S280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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: 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 66:7-18

BCP 673

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

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

But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my
prayer,*
nor withheld his love from me.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:

For the beauty of the earth

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:15-21

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Vikki Clayton

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 Form III BCP 387
The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends

We pray for: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Michael, Our Presiding Bishop, Mariann Our Bishop and Vikki, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of West Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all mothers and those who have been as mothers to us.

Diocesan Confirmation Service (May 20) Pray for those who are to be confirmed.

Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall (May 17)

St. Dunstan's Church, Bethesda

Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg and

Iglesia La Ascención

Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring

Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park

Ascension Day (May 18)

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Stevie Grimes, Mary Wemple, Laura Hobbs, Nancy
Harding, Frank McMurtray, Janet McMurtray

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)

Frank and Jerry Cross (V. Cross)

Rebecca Koltun & family (J. Rutherford)

Susan Oliver (J. Shea)

Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)

Roseann Royle (N. Row)

Mark Drukenbrod (S. Grimes)

Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)

James Morris (D. Howard)

Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)

Linda Abrahams (V. Clayton)

Nalini Cherian (W. & J. Fitts)

Tachia Roland-Morris (V. Clayton & V. Cross)

Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)

Nick Vlachos (C. Hendricks)

Janice and Jeff Sands (M. Wemple)

Meghan Bradley (N. Row)

Bill Royle (N. Row)

Patty Terry (V. Clayton)

Connie (J. Rutherford)

May Birthdays

Janet Shea May 6

Emma Rose Murtiff May 13

Sally Hauber May 17

Julia White May 21

Dean Jagusch May 22

Janice Peterson May 31

Celebrant:

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 forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin **BCP 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

**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.**

Celebrant:

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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as offering and sacrifice to God.

Choral Offertory:

Shepherd of My Heart, Tina English, arr. John Purifoy

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above the Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:**Hymn S129**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior taught us we are bold to say:

Celebrant and People:

**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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

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.

Communion Hymn:

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 383

Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Let us pray.

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.

Closing Hymn:

Earth and all stars

Hymn 412 v. 1-3

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, arr. Lani Smith

Traditional



1. For the — beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the — beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the — joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4. For your — Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
 5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine! To our world so free - ly - giv'n;



1. For the — love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
 2. Hill and — vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:
 3. Friends on — earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 4. Of - fring — up on ev - 'ry shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 5. For that — love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



1.-5. Lord of all to you we raise This our gift of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786, 1872.

Serving Today

Lay Reader Sally Hauber

Lay Eucharist Minister Victoria Cross

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Usher Jack Hauber

Broadcast Technician Geoffrey Rutherford

Altar Guild Judy O'Neil and Judith Schneider

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Victoria Clayton

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Jeff Bergsten, Ann Fitts, Bill Fitts, Charley Hendricks,

Judy O'Neil, Maggie Schneider Ramey (visiting

soprano), Geoffrey Rutherford, Jennifer Rutherford,

Judith Schneider

St. Bartholomew's Vestry

Senior Warden Nancy Row
Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Victoria Cross, Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles Frederick, Charley Hendricks, Deborah Howard, Lois Leigh, Lauren Murtiff, Robert Palmer

Coffee/Fellowship Hour

The Sunday School is hosting coffee hour in Celebration of Mother's Day. They have made a special treat for all our church mothers. Please join us in the undercroft.

Laytonsville Parade Luncheon Volunteers

Request: The church is partnering with the Lions Club and providing a continental breakfast and luncheon for all the parade volunteers and VIPs. We need help to setup the undercroft and to make sandwiches as follows:

- Setup the undercroft on Friday May 19th from 2:30 – 4:30
- Make sandwiches in the undercroft May 20th starting at 9 till 11:00 am. Please contact Ann Fitts by phone at 240-252-8456 or by email at Janice.fitts@gmail.com if you can help at any of these times. **THANK YOU!**

Laytonsville Town Parade

The town parade will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 11:30 am. The parade takes place on Rt. 108 from the Sundown Road Intersection to Stadler's Nursery. We invite all parishioners to join us and walk in the parade for St. Bartholomew's Church. We have a new banner and will also have an antique car entry carrying some life-long parish members. Our banner theme is

St. Bartholomew's Church: Serving God and our Community for over 200 years! All participants need to be in the church parking lot by 10:30 am.

Prayer Beads

We invite everyone to join us in the undercroft to make prayer beads, eat pizza and share in some great fellowship. No experience is required. The next workshops are planned for

Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 24th at noon

Please note that this is a week later than previously announced.

Memorial Garden Dedication

The next Memorial Dedication Service will be on Sunday, June 4th, following the 11 am service. Anyone wishing to dedicate leaves or trees please contact Ann Fitts at email Janice.fitts@gmail.com or by cell phone on 240-252-8456. Ann will work with you to create dedication engravings. All donation requests need to be received by Monday, May 15th so engravings can be completed in time for the service. The requested donation for leaves is \$150 and for trees is \$1500.

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