

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 17, 2020

PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19

HYMN – *THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE*

The strife is o'er the battle done; The victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

V. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

R. Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

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 sins 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.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your authority endures throughout all generations. May we, who have experienced the Resurrected Jesus, speak of the glory of Your reign, tell of Your power, and make Your mighty deeds know to all. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 66

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, “How tremendous are your deeds!”
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.

“Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!”
Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

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ALLELUIA VERSE: John 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: - John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: “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 always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.
But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

REFLECTION – *Adapted from One Bread, One Body*

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. 1 Peter 3:15

Moments after I heard the above passage from the second reading proclaimed at Mass, the priest announced the Gospel reading, and everyone traced the sign of the cross on their hearts, as well as their foreheads and lips. Everyone at Mass was asking the Lord to sanctify their hearts to receive the Gospel and act upon it.

When we have a sanctified heart to enthrone Christ as Lord (1 Pt 3:15), our lives cannot help but reflect the joy and the hope of the Lord regardless of our life's circumstances. We will speak out of the abundance of our heart (Lk 6:45), a heart full of love for Jesus (Jn 14:21). The love of God has been poured out in our sanctified hearts through the Holy Spirit (Rm 5:5). In Jesus, we have been given a new heart to love God (Ez 36:26). No one can take this joy from our heart (Jn 16:22).

Has anyone asked you lately the reason for your hope and joy? Especially in the midst of this pandemic - Why would anyone ask us this? (1 Pt 3:15) It's because our life in Christ and our love for Him cannot be kept inside our joyful heart. His love always grows in a sanctified heart, which cannot contain it. His outpoured, overflowing love runs over, leaps up within us, and flows out from us (Jn 7:38; 4:14) to refresh a world that's parched, lifeless, and without the water of the Holy Spirit (see Ps 63:2).

Sanctify Jesus as Lord in your heart (1 Pt 3:15). Then people won't be able to refrain from asking you the reason for this hope of yours. Speak of your love for Jesus out of the

abundance of God's love in your heart (Lk 6:45). Refresh the hearts of a hurting, anxious and suffering world in Christ (Phlm 20).

(A few moments for silent reflection)

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I 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 was born of the Virgin Mary, AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

Merciful Father, Send Your Holy Spirit upon us. May this same Spirit bear witness within us that we are Your children, heirs of Your kingdom.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR FATHER

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. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in My name – He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have told you. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the Spirit of truth that we, who have received You, may know that You are in us, and we in You. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

REGINA CAELI - ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia

R. For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we humbly ask You, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ☩ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: PRAISE, YE MEADOWS

Praise, ye meadows green and sparkling, Hills and valleys gently rolling.

Praise, ye woodlands dark and shining, Winding brooks and flowing springs.

Oh, what joy when sea waves billow, Soaring wings on air to follow;

Praise with us the Maiden holy, Loving hands that hold us closely.

With the Lord's crown was rewarded, Over angels reigns exalted,

Queen of heaven Queen of earth, Love embracing given forth.

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