



## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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***SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM ONLINE HOLY EUCHARIST***

***MONDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM***

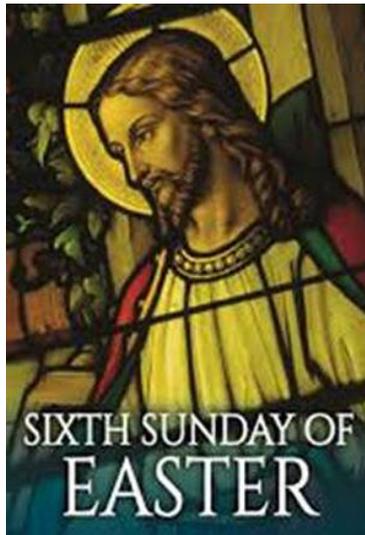
***TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AMrr***

***WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM***

***THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM***

***FRIDAY: MIDDAY PRAYER 12 NOON***

***SATURDAY: EVENING PRAYER 6:00 PM***



**17 MAY 2020**

***At St. Benedict's there are NO STRANGERS, only FRIENDS we have not met...***

***We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus!***

***The Reverend Father Albert R. Cutié, Rector***

***The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon***

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**The Collect**

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 First Lesson**

**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. *Thanks be to God!*

**The Response**

## **Psalm 66:7-18**

### ***Jubilate Deo***

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 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.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    nor withheld his love from me.

## **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. ***Thanks be to God!***

**Deacon: +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:15-21)**

***All: 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***All: Praise to you Lord Christ!***

**Homily/Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**The Prayers of the People**

In the Easter mystery, God has re-created our world in joy, peace, hope, and light. And so we pray:

That the *joy* of the Risen Christ may inspire the Church throughout the world, and here in our parish community of St. Benedict's, to proclaim, in our work and worship together, the good news of the empty tomb. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the *peace* of the Risen Christ may reign among the nations and peoples of the world, leading them to work together to uphold the sacred dignity of all men, women, and children: Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the *hope* of the Risen Christ may console the troubled, reconcile those who are estranged and alienated, and heal the hurting and suffering among us, especially those suffering physically

and emotionally as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic and as the result of any illness or disease. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the *light* of the Risen Christ may shine on the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends, and we remember the long-time benefactors and members of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, the many victims of this Pandemic throughout the world, and those who are bereaved.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays:* Father of life, Author of love, in raising your Son from the grave all of creation has been reborn. May the life and love of the Paschal mystery, which we celebrate today, be a constant and lasting reality in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

*During the fifty days of Eastertide the confession of sins is not said.*

**The Peace Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

### **Special Announcements by the Parish Priest**

*An offering is now taken for the work of the parish. Please be generous – We count on your support all year! Feel free to make a secure donation ONLINE [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org) and go to "Online giving". Your special Easter offering may also be mailed to the parish office: 7801 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street Plantation, FL 33324*

### **The Holy Communion Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn**

**The Doxology**

*Old Hundredth*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

**The Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei – Lamb of*

*God*

Priest: 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.

**Prayer During Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

– From Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787) and A Prayer Book for the Armed Services

### Prayer after Holy Communion

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.

### The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

### Recessional Hymn

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*Father Albert*

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