

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sung Eucharist Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

INVOCATION

INTROIT SENTENCE

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you,
and we will come to you. *John 14.23*

THE GRACE (STAND)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (KNEEL OR SIT)

Please say or sing the KYRIE ELEISON after each of the three petitions.

Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison. (MERBECKE: CP
or 678/HB C177)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA (STAND)

Glory be to God on high, (MERBECKE: CP 679)
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify
you, we give thanks to you for your 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 takes away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us. You that takes away
the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You that sits at
the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.**

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

THE COLLECT (STAND)

SILENCE

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1st Reader

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."

ACTS 17:22-31

PSALM – 1ST READER

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.

PSALM 66:7-18

Second Reading – 2nd Reader

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 defence 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. 1 PETER 3:13-22

GOSPEL (STAND)
Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (CP: 708)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. cf. Rev. 1:17,18

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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."

JOHN 14:15-21

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

SERMON (SIT)

THE NICENE CREED - BAS p.188 (STAND)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (KNEEL OR SIT)
The response will be announced.

THE PEACE (STAND)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III - BAS P.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (REMAIN STANDING)

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

Amen

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

All: Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

SILENCE

FRACTION SENTENCE

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away

the sin of the world: Have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)

Silence

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

BLESSING (KNEEL)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)

Celebrant: He is not here. he is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.