The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Modified Holy Communion
Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 10:00 am

Opening Hymn  Where charity and love prevail  VS 1, 2, 3, 6  

**UBI CARITAS**

1. Where charity and love prevail,
2. With grateful joy and holy fear
3. Forgive we now each other’s faults
4. Let strife among us be unknown,
5. Let us recall that in our midst
6. No race nor creed can love exclude

There God is ever found; Brought here together
God’s charity we learn; Let us with heart and
As we our faults confess; And let us love each
Let all contention cease; Be God’s the glory
Dwells God’s begotten Son; As members of his
If honored be God’s name; Our family em-

by Christ’s love, By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love God in return.
other well In Christian likeness.
that we seek, Be ours God’s holy peace.
bodily joined, We are in Christ made one.
braces all Whose Father is the same.

Welcome and Opening Sentence

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity (*All say together*)

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.
The 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 First Lesson

Acts 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (said responsively by whole verse)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

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.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.
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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn  Love one another  (Please join in singing this refrain)

*Refrain

Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other. I have cared for you. Bear each other’s burdens.

Bind each other’s wounds; and so you will know my return.

*Verses available in accompaniment books.
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The Gospel

Gospeller: 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.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson Catania

An affirmation of Faith (all say together)

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and showed your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Petition: Lord, show us Your ways.
Response: And let Jesus be our light.


Please join us in praying for professionals on the front line: Jennifer Babcock, Michelle Babcock, Chris Flynn, Rebecca Graziano, Andy Huther, Bill Huther, Katie Huther, Kelcie & Kenneth Knowles, David Mason, Tom McKeen, Rosa Ramirez-Mendez, Diane Munsell, Kimberly Schoener, Jeff Spillane, Jonathan Stackhouse, Kari Steinetz, Kelsey Rezentes, Mary Tempesta, Beatrice Walters, Wendy Young, Brian, Shawn.
The Peace
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Modified Holy Communion

Offertory Ave Maria Jeanne Predergast – Soprano
F. Schubert

Translation
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Doxology
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! A-men.

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven
People: Where Christ in glory reigns.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Gracious and Everlasting One, it is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you — especially in the places where we are scattered right now. We give you thanks for calling forth creation and blending dust with your breath in the emergence of life. We bless you for the covenants you have made with your people, for our ancestors in the faith, and the ways that you call us into community with all people everywhere.

We praise you, for the life, ministry, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and for the way of compassion, justice, and communion he lived and taught. Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth and sea and sky and all that lives, declare your presence and your glory.

We remember, Blessed One, that when the risk of arrest and execution became clear, Jesus asked his disciples to prepare a borrowed room where they could eat together, and give thanks, and prepare. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Until we can gather our weary bodies in one place again, until we can share among us the same food and drink, until we can breathe the same air, until we can look into each other’s eyes, until we can pass
the peace of your Son Jesus and sense your beloved kingdom coming near, may your Holy Spirit hover, and brood like a mother hen, over each and every table, every meal where we wait. May that tender Spirit reach into all the quiet corners of loneliness and longing, reminding us of the deeper, wider communion in which all things dwell with you. May that Spirit keep us hungry for community, for the just and compassionate world you seek; may She keep us awake and expectant, looking always for your kingdom coming near. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto you. Amen, and let all the people say “Amen.”

A moment of silence is observed

Closing Prayer (Officiant and People pray together)

God, you are our beginning and you will be our end; we are made in your image and likeness. We praise and thank you for this day. This is the day on which you created light and saw that it was good. This is the day in whose early morning light we discovered the tomb was empty, and encountered Christ, the world’s true light. This is the day you have made; we shall rejoice and be glad in it. Eternal God, grant to us this day and every day such readiness and delight in following Christ, that whether our lives are short or long we shall have lived abundantly.

Closing Hymn  Come, we that love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known, join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
2 Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
3 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.
4 Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground to fairer worlds on high.

Blessing
**Dismissal**

**Deacon**

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Join us on Saturdays at 5:00 pm**

**Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's Gardens**

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- **Fully vaccinated people:** wear a mask
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