

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Words of Welcome

Silence

Gathering Hymn: "This joyful Eastertide"

Hymn #192

**I This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.**

Refrain:

**Had Christ, who once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.**

**2 Death's flood hath lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.
Lord of all life, from ill my passing life deliver. [Refrain]**

**3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
till trumpets east to west shall wake the dead in number. [Refrain]**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord"

Hymn #178

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name!**

**Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. Chorus**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. Amen.

The First Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 98

Sing a new song to God, *

who has done marvelous things.

With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, *

you have won for yourself the victory.

You have made known your victory; *

your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

You remember your 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 God, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to God with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, *

shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.

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 God,
who will come to judge the earth.**

God shall judge the world in righteousness *
and the peoples with equity.

The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Reader A reading from the gospel of John.

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Office Hymn: "God is love"

Hymn #577

Refrain: God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

**1. Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. *Refrain***

**2. When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
Let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us. *Refrain***

**3. Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
When we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
Be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises. *Refrain***

The Prayers

Celebrant We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, 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.

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority. We pray especially for all public officials, for those working to alleviate the pandemic, for all those working for justice and equity, and for those you now name.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities. We pray for all essential workers and healthcare workers. This week I invite your prayers for , and those whom you now name.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list:

You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn. We hold before you all those who have lost their lives to the pandemic, and all the bereaved.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in your great mercy, 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. **Amen.**

Sharing of Blessings

The Peace

Celebrant Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The Celebrant or Deacon dismisses the congregation.

*The People respond, **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!***

The Easter Troparion is on the following page.

The Easter Troparion *(sung three times, at increasing speed; bells may be rung)*

Three times

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death,

and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line, likely for a bell or a voice, in a 4/4 time signature. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the troparion, and the second system contains the next two lines. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear rhythmic pattern. The lyrics are in English and are written below the notes. The score is marked 'Three times' at the beginning, indicating that it should be sung three times at increasing speed. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

Music: Serbian melody. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.