The Sixth Sunday in Easter

In the last weeks of Eastertide, our liturgical readings explore the results of the dying and rising of Jesus. Both the Gospel reading and the reading from 1 John speak of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus’ Passover from death to life, as the primary characteristic of our lives in Christ.

In this Sunday’s reading from Acts, Peter and some other Jewish Christians were astounded to see Gentiles in the household of Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit just as they had on the Day of Pentecost. Peter’s last reservations about welcoming Gentiles into the Church are erased and he and the other joyfully lead them to the waters of Baptism.

This Sunday was once called Rogation Sunday because medieval Christians went in processions (rogating) around the parish praying for the newly planted crops during this week. This is a good time to seek more effective ways to care for our environment and to witness that God’s love is not only for humanity but also for the entire creation.

Joined together by God’s spirit in baptism, bound up in the dying and rising of Jesus, related by creation to all the earth, we the people of God bring all our lives and one another into the saving love of God in Eucharist.

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_St. Bart’s Mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. We are committed to doing this through prayer, worship, proclaiming the Gospel and promoting justice, peace, and love._

_The Catechism, The Book Common Prayer p.855_
WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD


How foolish the man who does not raise his voice and praise with joyful words,
As he alone can, Heaven’s High King to Whom the light birds with no soul but air,
All day, ev’rywhere, all day, ev’rywhere, laudation sing, laudation sing.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider  ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
People  The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Presider  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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING  ACTS 10:44-48

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles

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.
Reader  Please join me in the Psalm as printed in your bulletin.
PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. Refrain
3 The Lord has made known his victory; His righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4 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. Refrain
5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Refrain
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, And let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. Refrain

THE EPISTLE

1 JOHN 5:1-6

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

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.”

Gospeller THE GOSPEL of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jeff Littlefield
THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We 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 became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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.

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please feel free to submit your prayer requests during the week through our homepage, www.stbartsbeaverton.org

Presider Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People that we all may be one.

Presider Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People that your Name may be glorified by all people.

Presider We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Presider We pray for those in the armed forces: Brandon, Daniel, Josh, Mark, Jeff, Heidi and Brian.

Presider We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Presider Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People that our works may find favor in your sight.

Presider Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People that they may be delivered from their distress.

Presider Give to the departed eternal rest.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Presider We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Presider Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Offertory Anthem  
King of glory, King of peace  
text: George Herbert / music: David Charles Walker

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease, I will move thee,  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee,  
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;  
E’en eternity’s too short to extol thee.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Doxology  
Please stand
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer A
Presider  The Lord be with you.  
People  And also with you.  

Presider  Lift up your hearts  
People  We lift them to the Lord.  

Presider  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People  It is right to give him thanks and praise.  

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by this  
suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.  

 THEREFORE WE PRAISE YOU, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of  
heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus  
Proulx
HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

ON THE NIGHT HE WAS HANDED OVER TO SUFFERING AND DEATH, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

AFTER SUPPER HE TOOK THE CUP OF WINE; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

ALL THIS WE ASK THROUGH YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

McNeil Robinson

The Breaking of the Bread
Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion
Presider THE GIFTS OF GOD for the People of God.
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Presider**

Let us pray.

**All**

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 BLESSING

*Henri Frederic Amiel*

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us: So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the God of ineffable grace beyond our understanding, but who made us and knows us and loves us and walks this path with us, fill you with His grace, surround you with His love, and strengthen you for the journey and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

**Priest**

LET US GO FORTH in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE HYMN 296

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
We share by water in his saving death. Reborn we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

**Postlude**

*Gloria from Mass for Organ (two versets)*

*Nicolas DeGrigny*

Credits:


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