

St. Augustine's

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B - Rite I

May 9, 2021

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Canon Joan Anthony

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays

Presider and People: **Watch over these your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Presider: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayer for those Celebrating the Anniversary of Baptism

Presider: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Acclamation

P Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Collect For Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading 10: 44-48

Reader: A reading from 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.**

Psalm 98

1 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.**

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.**

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.

**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.**

The Epistle 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: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon The Rev. Canon Joan Anthony

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 human. 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 worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Let us lift our voices and pray,

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,

For the beauty of this home God has created for us,

For our families and our friendships,

On this Mother's Day we give thanks for the women in our lives, our mothers, daughters, sisters and all those who have provided maternal nurture to us.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Thanksgivings may be given either silently or aloud.

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive work of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,

For the many lay people who serve the church,

And those who serve the world through the church.

For those gathered in person, and through the wonders of technology in worship and prayer.

In this Easter season which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one and so we pray:

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

For all the brave men and women working and living in harm's way, both in this country and around the world, that they be protected and strengthened.

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

For our nation and the divisions that continue to separate us.

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

For all the nations of the world, especially India and the Philippines and all others experiencing a surge in the virus infections and inadequate medical facilities and vaccine shortages.

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God;

*Prayers for all those in need, in ill health or wanting in any way,
either silently or aloud.*

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

For the repose of the soul of Marion Beaumont, mother of Kathryn Beaumont.

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance.

Prayers for all who have died, either silently or aloud.

For all gathered together, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life.

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: My sisters and brothers, is there anything else for which we should pray?

Silence

Leader: Holy One, our needs are known to you before we ask: Help us to ask that which accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The Offertory

Presider: O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

In unity with those here present and those at home, we are invited to pray together:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given us. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, ours souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*All persons are welcome at God's table. Please follow the Presider's direction.
Please stand.*

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

***All:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Easter Blessing

Presider: 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 everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

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

Prayer List for St. Augustine's:

Eric Reid, Nancy Pendergast, Ianna King, Lorainne Bayes, Blythe Hewitt, Alex Roe, Andrea Roe, Beth & Mark Gearhart, Barbara Self, Barbara Houston, Kathryn Rickert, Lori Morrison, Fr Valery, Greg Murphy, Julie Bird, Joy & Craig Johnson, Sylvia Brooksbank, David Roe, Paul Loudon, Lydia Coats, Colleen Corbett, Deacon Dennis & Linda McManis, Kris Jaeger, Lisa Rohlfing, Debby Denno, Katie Reid, Diana Lindsey, Amanda King, Carole Halsan, Debbie Wright, Peter Martin, Marianne Tuttle & family, Chris Lubinski, Ed Klein, Roger Howarth, Tom Bauling, Sydney McCready, Vina Kazsmarcek, Ray Kazsmarcek, LaurieJean, Nancy Cox, Babs & Gary Stone, Margaret Schultz, Peggy Mitchell, Nancy Paris, Tim Smith, Audrey Taie & family, all of the people at Maple Ridge, Elliot Kearns & family, Austin Skubi, Ana Kinkaid, Suzy Palmer, Mark Halloran, John Meyer, Talia Petosa, Gary Smith, Ruth Epstein, Dannette Masterson, Cary Dial, Jill Uhacz, Vickie Russo, Rick Schutte, Jim Ramler, Dean Muncy, John Meyer, Lance Lidral, Laura Whiteway, Carol Ryan, Trevor Arnold, Alicia Rose, Michael Bonn, Bruce Carpenter, Lynda Dial, Marlene Angeles, Phyllis Kind, Pete & Nettie Snyder, Diana Klein, Nancy Paris, Melisa Doss and her brother Greg Lahti.

Prayers for people who work on the front lines:

All those who are in the food supply chain, the farm workers, processors, delivery folks and the people in our local grocery stores

David Rickert Vollan - Physical Therapist

Allison Wortman - Nurse at Virginia Mason Hospital, Seattle

Hillary Yeomans - Home Healthcare Worker

Karen Fay - Psychiatric Nurse, VA Hospital, Seattle

Maureen Masterson - Compass Health

Renee Wilson, Nurse, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN

Cheyenne Wilson, Nursing Asst, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN

Tommy Hanson - US Naval Hospital

Keith - Paramedic

Dawn Meyer, Psychologist, Seattle

Mark Taylor, Healthcare worker

Alysia Doss - ICU Nurse

Paulette Bishoff, Nurse

Christopher Doss, Home Health worker

Diana DiBiase, VA Hospital, Seattle

Liviya Thoreson Whyte, Hospitalist Providence

Lisa Dillon Lantz, Nurse

Amber Halligan, ICU Nurse

Sean Plattner - firefighter EMT

Matt Idso, Scientist - Institute for Systems Biology

Cricket Farr, Full Life Care, Seattle

Amy Breuninger, Healthgiver

Kenny Downs - Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

Denny Huff, Firefighter

April Wooderson - ER Nurse

Brook Wooderson - Police Dept.

Heather Wooderson - Police Dept.

Candra Ramezani - Firefighter

Lynsey Barker - Vascular Access Team at Swedish First Hill

Austin Skubi - Social Worker - Providence, Everett

The staff of Providence, Everett

Karen Eaton - Social Worker UW Hospital

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