



Christ Episcopal Church
Roxbury, Connecticut

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
22 May 2022

The Office of Morning Prayer

Ringling of the Bells

At ten minutes before the hour, the altar candles are lit to signal the traditional beginning of silent prayer and preparation for the liturgy, as aided by an organ prelude. Worshipers are reminded that cellular phones and other electronic devices should be silenced.

Prelude: The *Partita No. 1 in B-Flat* (Minuet)[BWV 825] of Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Lisa Martland, Worship Leader

Please Stand

Opening Hymn: *The Spacious Firmament on High*

Tune: *Creation*
Hymn 409

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Response: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel if possible

Officiant and People together,
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. *Amen.*

Please Stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit* as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

Response: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover In Unison *Pascha nostrum, 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 67 **In Unison**

Deus misereatur

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Acts (16:9-15)

Read by Cynthia Willett

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (21:10, 22-22.5)

Read by Cynthia Willett

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city
Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Tune: Forest Green
Hymn 398, v. 1

A Reading from the Gospel according to John (5:1-9) Read by Lisa Martland, Worship Leader
After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Lisa Martland, Worship Leader

The Apostles' Creed

Led by Lisa Martland, Worship Leader

In Unison, Please Stand if able

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet each other warmly but distantly.

Announcements

The Offertory

Officiant: Judy Martinez, Worship Leader

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

During the offertory hymn, the ushers will collect your gifts and bring them before God's Holy Table. The Celebrant receives the gifts saying

Officiant: All things come from you O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3, Tune: *Old Hundredth*

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The congregation may stand or kneel.

Officiant and People

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.**

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

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.*

A Collect for Guidance In Unison

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission In Unison

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

Led by Judy Martinez, Lay Minister

Please stand or kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Gracious God, we pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Carolyn, Jennifer, Mary, Meg, Stephen, Lisbet, Alice, Bill, Bronwyn, Danielle, Deke, Don, Gatot, James, Jeff, Jim, John, Kevin, Robert, Roger, Ronda, Heather, Dominick and Stella.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, Stephen our priest, for all bishops and other ministers, especially the laity who serve the Gospel in word and deed;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We offer our prayers for the immortal souls of 17 people killed and the recovery of 49 people injured by gunfire in our country over the past 9 days. We ask for healing for the families, survivors, and all those who share their pain. We fervently ask your guidance to help us find solutions to end this violence.

We pray for the souls of over six million people in the world and over one million people in the United States who have died of Covid 19. We pray for the safety and wellbeing of our children and your blessing for the medical personnel who desperately need your strength and comfort. We also ask that you bestow great wisdom and skill to researchers who are battling the virus on our behalf.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

A Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty In Unison

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. ¹

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom In Unison

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Hymn *Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation* Tune:

Westminster Abbey
Hymn 518, vv. 1 &

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the
Holy Spirit. *Amen* *Romans 15:13*

Postlude The *Psalm XVIII* of Benedetto Marcello

Ringling of the Bells – Greg Cava

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Announcements

Enjoy fellowship and coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service.
Covid safety please.

Thank you to Pastor Stephen, Judith Kelly and Patrick Roy for representing
Christ Church at the Diocesan Bishop election yesterday!

Eastertide Reflections: What does it mean to be a 21st century Christian? Let's see what St. Peter has to say. Join us in the church Wednesdays 25 May - 1 June from 6:30-7:30 PM as we explore the **First Letter of Peter**. *There will be dessert! Bring a friend!* You can also join us by Zoom at <https://bit.ly/ChristChurchRoxburyBibleStudy>.

Our parish is helping **resettle a refugee family** in the New Milford area.
Please contact Judy Martinez if you'd like to help.

Join the **Red Door Welcome Team**. Please reach out to Stephen, Anissa or Stephen.

Become an **Altar Guild minister**! Reach out to Barbara, Millie or Meg to learn more about this holy and fun ministry.

Tech Team Ministry: Have ideas for how to improve our website, Facebook page and streaming services? Please reach out to Pastor Stephen.

The **Flower List** is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Nothing fancy required!
Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.
Reach out to Millie Snowden for information.

Thank you to our ministers today

Organist & Music Director: Mr. Gregory J. Cava
Worship Leader: Lisa Martland Worship Leader: Judy Martinez
Lector: Cynthia Willett
Ushers: Anissa Roy, Stephen Durr, Stephen Page
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