

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter~ Rogation Sunday*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*

**The Word of God**

**The Opening Hymn**

*All things bright and beautiful*

Hymnal 405

*Refrain All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky, *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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**The Acclamation**

*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!*

*People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

*Collect for Purity 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.*

*Gloria*

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant The Lord be with you.*

*People And also with you.*

*Celebrant Let us pray.*

*Celebrant 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.*

*Please be seated. The children depart for Sunday School.*

## The First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

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.

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

## The Psalm

*Psalm 67*

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- 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.

## The Second Reading

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

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.

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

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. (*Verse by Cantor*)

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The Gospel**

John 14:23-29

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

*People* The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celtic Alleluia Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**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 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Gathered as believers in Christ, with the living Christ among us,  
let us offer prayers to God for the life of all the world, saying, Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For peace from on high and for our salvation.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this holy gathering; for those who seek God, and those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all our new brothers and sisters illumined by the light of Christ.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon; for all who serve you in the church and for every member of this parish as they minister and serve in our church, our work, our community, and in the world around us.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our families, and our mothers, and those we love; for the beauty and wonder of your creation and all the joys, challenges and love which surround us.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our many blessings, and for the strength and desire to reach out to be a blessing as we love, care for, and help our neighbors near and far,

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all who grieve, as they find your presence with them in the difficult as well as the joyful times of their lives.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For freeing us from our sins by the life, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus.

Hear the prayers we offer this day, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering St. Paul, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*All*     **O God of love and mercy, move our hearts to seek you above all things, and to find you around us, surrounding us and all your creation with your love, peace and joy. For all your love and mercy, we give you unending thanks and praise, O Lord our God. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

*Announcements, Thanksgivings, Blessings and Celebrations of Life*  
*Thank Offerings this quarter will be used for Microfinance loans for people in need throughout the world.*

## The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offertory

*It is good*

Choir

The Doxology

Celebration Setting

**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.** (*Sing 3 times*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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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 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.**

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

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**The Fraction Anthem** 8:00: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; S 154  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

### **The Communion Hymns**

*Peace before us*

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Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.  
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.  
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace. (*repeat 3 times*)

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*I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymnal 490

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain* In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. *Refrain*

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Easter Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn**

*We plow the fields*

Hymnal 291

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*Refrain* All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:  
the gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,  
but chiefly thou desirest our humble thankful hearts. *Refrain*

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*Deacon and Children* [Dismissal]

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

***Servers This Morning:***

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth,;  
Acolytes: Carly Lowe, Don Dickinson; Worship Leader: Ned Kice; Eucharist Minister: Sandy Kice;  
Lector: Don Dickinson; Prayers of the People: Shirley Bjelland, Jerry Frazier;  
Altar Guild: Shirley Bjelland, Joanne Manciu; Altar Bread: Ava Sue Kerr; Sunday School: Denise Beasley;  
Coffee Hour: Sharon Stewart, Kaethe Worcester; Greeters: John Mabrey; Choir Leader: Lloyd Walworth;  
Pianist: Rule Beasley.*

***Today's flowers are given by Bob Carsner  
in memory of H.C. Rooper Family.***

## PLEASE PRAY:

For Gwen Lowe, Cary and MaryEllen Lowe and family, Susan Erikson, Emma and family; Lloyd Walworth, Lida Beasley, Caroline and Dale, Doris, Jan Copeland, Mark Nelson, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, and Bonnie Myatt; Mark Braverman, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and the people of the Middle East; Fr. Noe Bernier, *L'Eglise d'Esprit*, and the people of Haiti; Fr. Daniel Kuot and the people of The Sudan; New Orleans and the Diocese of Louisiana.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

## CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Mill Creek
Wednesday	AA Meeting	7:00 pm TH
	Ladies Lunch Bunch	1:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon
	Al-anon Meeting	12:30 pm Tayler Hall

### ***NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:***

***Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;  
Revelation 22:12- 14, 16-17, 20-21;  
John 17:20-26***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NEWS FLASH!!** A rummage sale in Tayler Hall has been scheduled! Sale days are June 10, 11, & 12. Preparation days are June 7, 8, & 9. Mark your calendars and collect your sale items.....which may be brought to the church basement in the rooms at the end of the long hallway or call Gretchen at 296-5628 for pick-up service! Your help will be appreciated!

**RAGDOLLS TO LOVE:** Thanks to all who have made ragdolls to send to children in Haiti! See them in the narthex~ aren't they wonderful! On Pentecost, the ragdolls will be blessed and sent on their way.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** St. Paul's is the sponsor for the home being built for Janeal Booren. We hope to begin soon, so keep on alert!

**BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS** meets at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way.

Please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You may find yourself thinking after a sermon...*And that's not the half of it!* So, you are warmly invited to come and share the fellowship, as well as to put in your 2 cents!

### **REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world;

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**THANKS** to Sharon Stewart and Kaethe Worcester for today's Coffee Hour!

