

The Sixth Sunday of Easter 2011

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Dalles, Oregon

The Prelude

Rule Beasley, piano

The Opening Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

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A Hymn of Praise

Sing Praise to God

Hymnal 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right;
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone;
to God all praise and glory.

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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.**

Children and Teachers may leave for Sunday School; all others, please be seated.

The First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

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Bless our God, you **peoples**; make the voice of his praise to be **heard**;
Who holds our souls in **life**, and will not allow our feet to **slip**.

For you, O God, have proved **us**; you have tried us just as **silver is tried**.
You brought us into the **snare**; you laid heavy burdens upon our **backs**.

You let enemies ride over our **heads**; we went through fire and **water**;
but you brought us **out** into a place of re-**freshment**.

I will enter your house with burnt-**offerings** and will pay you my **vows**,
which I promised with my **lips** and spoke with my mouth when I was in **trouble**.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of **rams**; I will give you oxen and **goats**.
Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, and I will tell you what he has **done for me**.

I called out to him with my **mouth**, and his praise was on my **tongue**.
If I had found evil in my **heart**, the Lord would not have **heard me**;

But in truth God has **heard me**; he has attended to the voice of my **prayer**.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**, nor withheld his **love from me**.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
 changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Deacon
 People

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

The Sermon
 Silence

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

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 Katharine, our Presiding Bishop and Nedi, our Bishop; in our diocesan cycle of prayer, for Christy Close Erskine, Jack Erskine, Gaye Lawson, and Trinity, Bend; for Janet, Stephen, and every member of this parish and as they minister and serve in the church 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 those who are suffering and oppressed, and all people in need, we ask your care, and for those who work to protect, serve, and love those in need we give you thanks.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our friends, families, coworkers; in our congregational cycle of prayer, for Julie Reynolds, Dewanda Clark, Jerry Davis, Sage Booren, and Lowry Browning.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

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: our families, our homes, schools, community and church; for the strength and desire to reach out in Christ's name as we love, care for, and help our neighbors near and far,

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

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

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, Being Blessings and Celebrations of Life~
Thank Offerings this quarter will be used for teacher education in Haiti.*

The Offertory

For the beauty of the earth

Hymnal 416

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**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.**

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**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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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. 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 the bread and wine, or blessing. This is God's Table, and God's food and presence are for all. Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available; private intercessory prayer for healing is available at the back of the nave during communion.

The Communion Hymns

As the deer

Handout

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymnal 383

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**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 Eastertide Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

God of our fathers

Hymnal 718

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand, leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase, thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

The Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Today's Servers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth; Acolyte: Brandon Adams;

Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer;

Lector: 8:00 Open, Diane Adams; Prayers of the People: Barbee Hodgkins, Don Dickinson;

Altar Guild: Janet Mabrey, MaryEllen Lowe; Sunday School: Robert Kirby; Nursery: Laura Lowe.

*Flowers: Jim and Kathy Scarborough; Coffee Hour: Laurance and Ava Kerr~To all, **Thank you!***

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, please pray for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, particularly Trinity in Bend, and the ministries of all the baptized, their Deacons Gaye Lawson and Willie Hoffer, and their priests Christy Close Erskine, Jack Erskine, Jerry Reynolds, and Celine Burke. Trinity asks for God's continual guidance as they seek to fulfill their vision to be a healthy community reflecting the love of Jesus Christ and ministering to the needs of their neighbors.

For healing for Don Grey, Harold Kirby; Michelle, Margaret Savage; Hyun Joo Yi; Chuck Hartmann, Jack Howe, Doris Abrams, Jane Schafroth; Marilyn, Michelle, Laurie, Greg, Nancy, and Dorothy.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joann Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.

THIS MEMORIAL DAY, Please keep all who have died in the service of this country particularly in your prayers, as we remember, thank, and pray for them and for their friends, family and loved ones.

CALENDAR:

Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm	<i>Mill Creek</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11; John 17:1-11
Wednesday	Eucharist Service	Noon	<i>Diocesan Chapel</i>	
	Potluck with St. Mark's	5:30	<i>Taylor Hall</i>	
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon	<i>St. Paul's</i>	
<i>Friday and Saturday- Vestry Retreat</i>				

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH POTLUCK: WE'LL BE HOSTING ST. MARK'S HOOD RIVER, AND WILL HEAR ABOUT HAITI, AND THE DIOCESAN INITIATIVE FOR HAITI AND HERE....PLEASE COME!

HALLELUJAH- GROUNDBREAKING ON JANEAL BOOREN'S HOUSE HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND THIS WONDERFUL NEW HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE BUILDING VENTURE IS UNDERWAY!

- Please check your schedules, get your skills and willingness to jump in and work, and prepare to build the house! St. Paul's is sponsoring Janeal Booren's house, and all hands are needed to ensure that we get it built timely and beautifully. It'll be great fun, and a chance to brush up on your carpentry, painting, construction and other experience.
- If you can't participate in the physical part of the building, perhaps you would like to help with scheduling? Or how about bringing lunch, cookies, drinks or treats on the days of work? And all of us can be praying and applauding as the work progresses...Thanks to all for helping and supporting the building of the house!

EDITOR FOR THE MESSENGER- If hammers and carpentry and other building skills are not your forte, perhaps a once a month job working on the newsletter is? Walter Fields followed Julie Reynolds as the editor of The Messenger, and we all know what a wonderful job they have done. Now, Walter has moved and will be finding a new church home. We will miss him and will miss his excellent work as our editor. He and Julie have an excellent format that you can use, or you can reformat. If every month is too much, we can consider going to every other month, or quarterly publication. Sound interesting? It's fun, really!

INQUIRERS' CLASS WILL MEET ON JUNE 5, FOLLOWING THE 10:00 SERVICE- If you have an interest in baptism, confirmation, or the history of the church...want to become more familiar with the Book of Common Prayer... have questions about what we think or believe and why we think or believe it...or are ready to see what you might have missed along the way...please consider yourself invited to the Inquirers' group. Each meeting begins with a time of questions and answers and discussion about anything on your mind, moves to an overview of where we've been, and then addresses the theme of day. We will meet in the Rector's Office at 11:45, so there's time for coffee hour and fellowship and then our meeting. All are welcome.

VESTRY ORGANIZATION- Vestry news including an organizational chart and *Who's Who* for information, committees, etc; a church *Calendar at a Glance*; pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

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 as they respond to emergencies throughout the world;

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex, the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the office, and the web site.

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