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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14th, 2023

*If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you,
and we will come to you. See John 14:23*

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant and Preacher: Venerable Susan Oliver
Crucifer: John Blattler
Reader: David Gray
Chalice Administrators: Margie King, Anne Smith, and
Jamie Hurlburt
Prayer Scribe: Martha Watson
Sidespersons: Tom Collier and Ron Laginski
Organist: Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts: Lynda Phillips and Tom Snyder

*The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of
Mary and Randall Ivany from Kathy Ivany.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n 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 grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always 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 Heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Gathering of the Community

(Please Stand)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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

Glory to God, Glory to God.

Glory in the Highest.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen (x3)

Celebrant: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

New Testament 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."

Psalm 66: Come, All You People

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Saviour;
come, all you people, come and praise the Saviour;
come, all you people, come and praise the Saviour;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John (14:15-21).

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Archdeacon Sue

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:#532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O, what peace we often forfeit, O, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Savior, is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

Celebrant: God of glory,

All: accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Sanctus (Steve Bell)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion

Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.

Music During Communion

Choir Anthem: Psalm of Praise

Hymn: #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain:

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

You know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts. **R**

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision: God of love. **R**

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide. **R**

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart. **R**

Celebrant: God of love,

**All: you restored us to life by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened
to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we
can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn:#397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the one who break the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

Postlude

This week we pray for: Diocese of the Arctic: the Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, the Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, the Rt. Rev. Joey Royal, Suffragan Bishops. St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton: Jonathan Crane (s. Megan), Rector; Anne Wightman (s. Peter), Bob Peel (s. Patty), Ron Hörst, Honorary Assistants; Jean Nsengiyumva, Honorary Assistant, Congolese Congregation. Buyé Diocese, Canika Parish: Evariste Nsabimana, Rector. All First Nations people of Treaty 6.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11

Announcements

Volunteers Needed: As part of our commitment to this year's budget, we will hold a **Neighbour Yard Sale on May 27, 2023 from 8:30am to noon.** To help on the day of the event, contact: Ron (admin@christchurchedm.ca). Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, monitor tables, and be cashiers. Help make this event a success!



To all mothers, grandmothers, and those who have a motherly role, may you have a wonderful day and know how special you are in the lives of your family and the community! Thank you for all the sacrifices you make.

First Annual Parish Olympics and BBQ!

Come join us on June 4th at 12pm for a BBQ after service followed by a friendly competition amongst our Christ Church family! Pre-registration is greatly encouraged so that we can form teams before the event and build some team spirit! Sign-up forms are in the hall. All ages are welcome and there will be various activities for all different abilities. Prepare to have a blast!



8:30 to
noon

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Register: <https://synodoffice.breezechms.com/form/68215c>