



the Church
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Rogation
May 17, 2020
Ante-Communion

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon the Apostle.

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Assisting: The Reverend Michael Perry
Organist: Robin Davis

Mass Setting: Kyrie – Mass of the Quiet Hour – George Oldroyd
Gloria - Merbecke

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*
or on page 230 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.



The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Introit *Now the Green Blade Rises*

NOËL NOUVELET

Hymn 486 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
(CP 374)

HYFRYDOL

The Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **unto whom all hearts be 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.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Celebrant **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie

OLDROYD

Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria Hymn Book #679

MERBECKE

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,
**and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended

by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson *Acts 17.22-31*

Reader: The New Testament lesson is written in the 17th chapter of the Book of Acts, beginning at the 22nd verse.

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."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66 (vs. 7-19)

O praise our / God ye / peoples,
and make the / voice of • his / praise • to be / heard;

Who holdeth our / soul in / life,
and suffereth / not our / feet to / slip.

For thou, O / God, hast / proved us:
thou also hast tried us / like as / silver is / tried.

Thou didst bring us / into / the snare,
and didst lay / trouble up/on our / loins.

2nd Thou didst let enemies ride / over our / heads:
we went through fire and water, but thou didst bring us out / into a / place of / freedom.

I will go into thine house / with burnt / offerings:
I will / pay / thee my / vows,

Which I promised / with my / lips,
and spake with my mouth / when I / was in / trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt sacrifices, with the / incense of / rams:
I will / offer / bullocks and / goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all / ye that • fear / God,
and I will tell you what / he hath / done • for my / soul.

I called unto him / with my / mouth,
and gave him / praises / with my / tongue.

If I had regarded wickedness / in my / heart,
the / Lord would / not have / heard me.

But verily / God hath / heard me,
and con/sidered the / voice of • my / prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast / out my / prayer,
nor / turned his / mercy / from me.

Second Lesson *1 Peter 3.13-22*

Reader The second lesson is written in the third chapter of the First Letter of Peter,
beginning at the 13th verse.

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 defence 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *This is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world,
 I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
 This is my Father's world,
 He shines in all that's fair,
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
 He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
 O let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world, the battle is not done,
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 And earth and heaven be one.

The Holy Gospel *John 14.15-21*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All **Glory be to thee O Lord.**

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."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee O Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Michael Perry

Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,**

God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;

**begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:**

**who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,**

and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

**He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.**

**And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.**

And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

**And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Anthem *If Ye Love Me*

THOMAS TALLIS

*If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth. John 14.15-17*

Intercessions

Response **Risen Lord, dwell in us.**

Comfortable Words

Celebrant Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his onlybegotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

All **Almighty God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful**

Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Concluding Prayers

Lord's Prayer – said together

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 them that 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.**

Doxology

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.**

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Hymn 425 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
TO JOY

HYMN

Postlude



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