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The Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Services 7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter YEAR B

# 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President and Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President and Preacher: The Rev'd Beverley Sealy-Knight

ANNOUNCEMENT

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP** 

#### THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

#### **Opening Hymn ~ 360**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia. Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!

#### Refrain:

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia. Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice;

### Refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia. Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light:

#### Refrain

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, alleluia. The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them his glory also show:

#### Refrain

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye alleluia. Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care:

### Refrain

\*And thou, most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath, O praise him, alleluia. Thou leadest home the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way hath trod:

# Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness; O praise him, alleluia. Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

# Refrain

Words: William Henry Draper (1855-1933), Based on Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun

Opening Sentence "Easter"

# THE INVOCATION

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PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

# ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

## ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, 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.

## THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Page 102

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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.

The Collect: "*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*" Page 170

Let us pray.

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.* 

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48 Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Joy-Ann Blackman Jarvis 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10, verses 44-48.

# **Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit**

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

LECTOR:	The Word of the Lord.
ALL:	Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 98 Cantate Domino

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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

# Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Joy-Ann Blackman Jarvis 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter of John, chapter 5, verses 1-6.

## Faith Conquers the World

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

## Testimony concerning the Son of God

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

LECTOR:	The Word of the Lord.
ALL:	Thanks be to God.

# The Gradual Hymn ~ 453

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.

# Refrain:

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to<sup>-</sup>be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love with all my soul Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive; and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

> Words: Sebastian temple (1928-1997) Words © 1967 OCP Publications.

The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17 **Gospellers:** 

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M. ~The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

GOSPELLER:	The Lord be with you.
ALL:	And also with you

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 15, verses 9 to 17.

## ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made

known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

# GOSPELLER:The Gospel of Christ.ALL:Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: "The Myrrh bearers: Proclaiming the Risen Christ in the World Today."
7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson
9:00 A.M. ~The Rev'd Beverley Sealy-Knight, Rector of St. James' Parish Church.

### Mother's Day Hymn ~ 752

Virgin-born, we bow before thee; blessèd was the womb that bore thee; Mary, maid and mother mild, blessèd was she in her Child.

Blessèd was the breast that fed thee; blessèd was the hand that led thee; blessèd was the parent's eye that watched thy slumbering infancy.

Blessèd she by all creation, who brought forth the world's Salvation, and blessèd they - for ever blest, who love thee most and serve thee best. Virgin-born, we bow before thee; blessèd was the womb that bore thee; Mary, maid and mother mild, blessèd was she in her Child.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

## **The Nicene Creed**

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 in Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven:

He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfilment of 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.

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.

## INTERCESSION FOR USE ON THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, **INTERCESSION "C" (Amended**) Page 108

#### **Intercessors:**

## 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Joy-Ann Blackman Jarvis 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls:

Let us pray to the Lord. ALL: *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya; and we also pray for the unity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, have mercy.* 

For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming: We thank God for the Myrrh bearers of the resurrection narrative and pray that the disciples of today would be empowered to bear the good news of the risen Christ, by word as well as by deed.

Let us pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, have mercy.* 

For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all people:

Let us pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, have mercy.* 

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfillment:

Let us pray to the Lord. *ALL*: Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them: especially we remember people affected by COVID-19.

# Let us pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, volcanic eruption, and for a just and proper use of God's creation: We especially remember the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, affected by the eruption of La Soufrière volcano; we pray for a spirit of generosity, charity and hospitality in response to their needs.

# Let us pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, have mercy.*

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light: for mothers everywhere, that they may receive the honour they deserve on this Mother's Day and every day; for those celebrating a birthday this week, Nicholas R. C. C. Brathwaite, Dean Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, Rosemary Gibson, Jacqueline Skeete, Valarie Y. Quintyne, and Lucille Ward, and any other person not mentioned by name.

Let us pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, have mercy.* 

Silence may be kept.

## ALL:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help: for

## you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## **ACT OF PENITENCE**

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The congregation kneels.

## PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

## PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

# ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.

## THE ABSOLUTION

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## PRESIDENT:

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 life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# ALL: Amen.

# **THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A"** Page 124

## PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

## ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

# THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

# The Offertory Hymn ~ 725

We plough 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 seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food; accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts, and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

#### Refrain

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), from Wir pflügen und wir streuen, German; translation: Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

## **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"**

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#### PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHA	Page 126		
PRESIDENT:	The Lord be with you.		
ALL:	And also with you.		
PRESIDENT:	Lift up your hearts.		
ALL:	We lift them up to the Lord.		
PRESIDENT:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our	r God.	
ALL:	It is right to give God thanks a	nd praise.	

## PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

**PROPER PREFACE** ~ "Easter" Page 128 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 eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## ALL

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A"

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# PRESIDENT: All Holy and glorious Father, Our Creator God. we give you thanks because in your loving wisdom you brought all things into being, and are truly worthy of praise from every creature you have made. Again and again we have turned away from you; yet in every age your steadfast love has called us to return. to live in union with you: for it is your eternal purpose

to put new life into all things and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ Who took our human nature upon Him you have redeemed the world from the bondage of sin: and by the power of your Holy Spirit you have gathered a people to yourself, to make known in ever place His perfect offering which He made to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us His Body and Blood. For, on the night He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And 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."

## PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

## ALL:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father, rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation; His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice made once for all upon the Cross; His Mighty Resurrection from the dead; His Glorious Ascension into heaven; and looking for His Coming in glory; we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood, of your Son, our great High Priest, may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us. Unite us with all Bishops, all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments, and with the whole people of God, living and departed, whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness, that we may be found ready to join the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all your saints, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again: Forever giving you thanks and praise through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

# ALL: Blessing and honour and glory and power Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:
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 "B"

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PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

### ALL:

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE COMMUNION The Invitation "B"

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PRESIDENT: The Gifts of God for the People of God. ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

### THE 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: have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.



# The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

#### The Hymn

This is my Father's world, And to my lis-ening 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, Page 147

Declare their mak-er'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 ev-ery-where.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er for-get that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru-ler yet. This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the hea-vens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, (1858-1901) Music: Traditional English melody; adapt by Franklin L. Shepphard, 1852-1930

# **THE POST COMMUNION "A"**Page 147**ALL:**

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirts shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen. THE BLESSING *"Easter"* Page 150 The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and forever more.

## ALL: Amen.

# Welcome and Announcements

# THE DISMISSAL

# The Recessional Hymn ~ 515

Come, we that love the Lord and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

## **Refrain:**

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

### Refrain

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

#### Refrain

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

## Refrain

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Organ Postlude

WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts10:44-48

**Comment:** "The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles"

In our New Testament lesson, **Peter has gone to visit Cornelius, a Gentile and Roman centurion, and has proclaimed to him the good news of Jesus, that all who believe in Jesus will receive forgiveness of sins.** Even as Peter is speaking, the Holy Spirit calls upon the gathered and they extol God and speak in tongues, as had happened to Jewish disciples with the arrival of the Spirit. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter are astounded that the Spirit has fallen impartially also upon Gentiles, and Peter is persuaded that baptism must be extended to these new believers.

## Psalm 98

A song of thanksgiving and praise to the victorious Lord, who has made divine righteousness known and shown faithfulness to the people of God.

# Second Reading (**The Epistle**): 1 John 5:1-6

**Comment:** *"The victory of faith"* 

In this lesson we hear that **belief in Jesus as the Christ, together with love of all God's children, forms the heart of the Christian faith. This faith is victorious over the world; that is, over godless society.** To love God means to obey God's commandments, and the essence of the commandments is the love of all who are to God. The one who overcomes the world believes that Jesus is the Son of God, who was present in the world not only through the water of his baptism but in the blood of his crucifixion. The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17 **Comment:** "*Christ the friend and lover*"

In our gospel, Jesus speaks of his great love for his disciples and calls upon them to show this same love toward each other that has come to him from the Father. Jesus is talking with his disciples shortly before his death, when he will be taken away from them. But this love has now formed his followers into a new community in relationship with Jesus and the Father. They are no longer servants but friends.

#### **CATHEDRAL NEWS**



**Household Worship:** Public worship has resumed in the Cathedral; however, in accordance with the provision of the EMP (COVID-19) (No. 9) Directive 2021, attendance is limited to the number of people that the building can accommodate, six feet apart in all directions. Meantime, members are encouraged to worship virtually at the 9:00 Eucharist, or to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for the Sixth Week of Easter begins on page 750, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 are Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Psalm 80, and James 1:1-15.

**Stewardship of Treasure**: During the period of lockdown, members were unable to make their regular financial contributions to the church in the usual manner. However, several persons made use of the options which were provided, and we are grateful for their contributions. For the convenience of all, online payments may be made to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

**Preaching Series:** This Easter, there will be a preaching series entitled, **"Myrrh bearers: Proclaiming the Risen Christ in the World Today**." Welcome to the Rev'd Beverly Sealy-Knight, one of the female clergy who will be preaching during the series. Next week's preacher will be the Rev'd Erma Ambrose, rector of St. Paul's.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. On that day, the feast of Pentecost, there will be one service, at 8:00 A.M.

**Audio Equipment:** After extensive consultation, a decision has been taken to replace the sound system. This project is estimated to cost over \$20,000.00. Parishioners and well-wishers are invited to make contributions to meet this expense. Thanks to persons who have already made a donation or have pledged towards this cause.

Ash Fall: The cleaning of the Cathedral, both the inside and the environs, has been a mammoth task. It is ongoing. Meanwhile, your generous contribution towards the nonbudgeted expenditure would be appreciated.

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

"We are ambassadors of the love of God through our generosity to others."



#### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Diocesan Calendars:** The 2021 Diocesan Calendars are available through the office of the Administrative Assistant, at the price of \$6.00 each.



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 Ms. Valarie Y. Quintyne ~ 10<sup>th</sup> The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Ms. Lucille Ward ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Ms. Jacqueline Skeete ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. Nicholas R. C. C. Brathwaite ~ 13<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Rosemary Gibson ~ 15<sup>th</sup>



May God bless and strengthen you.



Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Mrs. Colleen Byer, Ms. Eudora Cooper, Mr. Allison Daniel, Ms. Alice P. Hall, Mr. Jonathan Holder, (N.Y), Mrs. Olga Holder, Ms. Selina Jones, Mrs. Vida King, Mr. Blair Murray, Ms. Phyllis Springer, Ms. Winifred Trotman and Mr. Albert Walcott.



### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Today Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Day ~ Mother's Day 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ The Feast of the Ascension 6:00 P.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1:00 P.M. ~ SMCFA Outreach to The City



Next Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Seventh Sunday of Easter 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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Guild of St. Raphael:	Mr. Darwin Clarke

#### NOTES:

# Happy Mother's Day!

It's Mom's special day. Here are some hidden words that make us think of her. The words can be up, down, forward, backward, or diagonal.

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