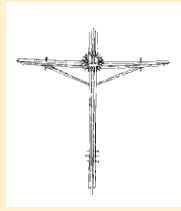


Welcome to St Francis, May 17th
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Opening Music

Welcome

The Lord is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn: 461

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like you
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
let every breath, all that I am
never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
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Loving God, you welcome us into your presence. As we gather in our own homes

All: We thank you for your love.

Gracious God you delight in your people's praise

All: We thank you for your love.

Benevolent God, we come with our different lives and yet one in you,

All: To thank you for your love.

Powerful God, you challenge and transform the world, we come with many needs and concerns

All: To thank you for your love.

Confession

God our Father,

We come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father forgive us.

All Save us and help us

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us:

All Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

Father, forgive us

All Save us and help us

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

All Save us and help us

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us.

All Save us and help us

Absolution

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen

Affirmation – You will hear only the leader’s voice and your own

**All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.**

**He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Reading - Acts 17. 22-31 - Sarah

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far

from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading John 14. 15-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The

one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

All Glory to You O Lord

Sermon – Bishop Andrew



Hymn: 352

Jesus is Lord! Creation’s voice proclaims it,
For by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!

Praise Him with ‘Hallelujahs’, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary 's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord....

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death He rose and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord....

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Prayers – led by Jyl

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

**All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

We conclude our prayers by saying together the prayer Jesus taught
us (you will hear only the Leader's voice and your own)

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.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

May the father from whom every family in earth and Heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; with thanksgiving.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

There will be a short time of music, then the zoom service will stay open for a short time for coffee, biscuit and a chat – wherever you are...

(You can leave the service whenever you choose by clicking on **leave the meeting**)

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