

## Morning Prayer for 6th Sunday of Easter

### Prelude

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### *Gloria* sung by Choir of St. John's Church

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.**

# Gloria

Glory to god in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, 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.



*Russian Orthodox icon of the Resurrection*

## A Reading from the Book of Acts

**Acts 10: 44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 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, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

***People:***

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 98

Sing a new song to God, \* **who has done marvelous things.**

With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, \* **you have won for yourself the victory.**

You have made known your victory; \* **your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* **and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \* **lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

# Psalm 98

Sing to God with the harp, \* **with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, \* **shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* **the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, \* **and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to judge the earth.**

God shall judge the world in righteousness \* **and the peoples with equity.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# **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 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 became truly human.**

**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; Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; Who 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.**

# Prayers of the People

*Presider:* God loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Let us offer prayers to God for the needs, hopes, and concerns of all human beings.

*Leader:* 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 and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Alan and Gayle, our bishops; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. **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.**

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough; St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury; St. Peter's Church, Weston; and for The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Prayers, cont'd.*

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead. For all those on our prayer list; for those for whom our prayers have been asked; for all in need of God's comforting presence; **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. On this Mother's Day, let us pray for all the mothers among us; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all those who have mothered others in any way; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe. Hear our prayers for all peoples and grant us the power to love one another as we love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Closing Prayers**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Presider and People:* **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Easter Blessing:** May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal:**

*Presider/Deacon:* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia!

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**