

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

8:00 AM  
10:00 AM

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## HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Organist: Daniel O'Connor

Hymn 292 O Jesus crowned with all renown

### The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Collect for Purity

### Gloria in Excelsis

Barrie Cabena

Organ



Glo - ry to God in the high - est  
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly king,  
Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed  
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer. For  
you a - lone are the ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord,  
You a - lone are the most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect

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.**

## The First Lesson 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 66:7-18

7 Bless our God, you **peoples**; \*make the voice of his praise to be **heard**;

8 Who holds our souls in **life**, \*and will not allow our feet to **slip**.

9 For you, O God, have **proved** us; \*you have tried us just as silver is **tried**.

10 You brought us into the **snare**; \*you laid heavy burdens upon our **backs**.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and **water**; \*but you brought us out into a place of **refreshment**.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my **vows**, \*which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in **trouble**.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of **rams**; \*I will give you oxen and **goats**.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, \*and I will tell you what he has **done** for me.

15 I called out to him with my **mouth**, \*and his praise was on my **tongue**.

16 If I had found evil in my **heart**, \*the Lord would not have **heard** me;

17 But in truth God has **heard** me; \*he has attended to the voice of my **prayer**.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**, \*nor withheld his **love** from me.

## The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

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 defense 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.

**Sequence Hymn 512** Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

All: Glory to You Lord Christ.

**John 14:15-21**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord Christ.

**Sermon** The Rev. Richard A. Kunz

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People, Form III** **BCP 388**

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn** Blue Green Hills

Paul Winter

For The Earth forever turning  
For the skies for every sea  
To our love we sing returning home  
To the Blue Green Hills of Earth.

For the mountains, hills and pastures  
In their silent majesty  
For our life for all of nature  
Sing we joyful praise to Thee.

For The Earth forever turning  
For the skies for every sea  
To our love we sing returning home  
To the Blue Green Hills of Earth.

For the sun for rain and thunder  
For the land that makes us free  
For the stars for all the heavens  
Sing we joyful praise to Thee

For the earth forever turning  
For the skies for every sea  
To our love we sing returning home  
To the Blue Green Hills of Earth

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus and Benedictus

Barrie Cabena

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

**Benedictus qui venit**  
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

**Anthem** As We Gather At Your Table Skinner Chávez- Melo

1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God your presence:  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own:  
send us forth to love and serve you bringing peace where there is strife.  
Teach us through this Holy Banquet how to make love's victory known.
2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you  
Bringing peace where there is strife. Give us Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you  
forgave: May we still be hold your image in the world you died to save.
3. Gracious spirit, help us summon other guests to share feast where triumphant love will  
welcome those who had been last and least there no more will envy blind us nor will pride our  
peace destroy as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

**Hymn 405** All things bright and beautiful

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

## The Easter Blessing

**Hymn 205** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

### Postlude

Organist: Daniel O'Connor

The flowers on the Altar are dedicated in loving memory for Colleen Cameron Heaney who passed away on May 14, 2008

The Altar flowers this morning are also given by Sharon Werth & Martha Jane Dunphy.

**Lectors 8:00 AM** Ben Florer, Ella Fitzgerald

**10:00 AM** Jordan Avecedo, Nikolas O' Hanlon **Intercessor** Rohan Kumar

**Acolytes 8:00 AM** Oscar Bunche

**10:00 AM** Ray Williams, Malik Bradford, Lauren Reid, Eve Bradford, Henry Roach, Lawson Roach, Sam Brown, Jordan Acevedo, Aaron Bradford

**Ushers 8:00 AM** Stuart Madden

**10:00 AM** Delroy Chang, Albert Sargent, Bob Soso, Shirley Spencer, Jean Wilson

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** James Brown & Cynthia Sangurima

### Episcopal Charities

Episcopal Charities is very generous in its support of Grace's Kitchen and the youth programs of Lifting up Westchester. Envelopes will be available for your contributions in today's bulletin.

### CHOSEN

John Mitchell will be available during the coffee hour with tickets \$18.00 for **CHOSEN**. Written by Dr. John Mitchell Directed by Eric Coleman **June 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 3PM At Julia Borgos Performance and Arts Center 1680 Lexington Avenue** (BTW 105<sup>th</sup> & 106<sup>th</sup> Street) Bus/ Van Transportation might be available if there is enough demand.

### Grace Covenant Group

Looking for an opportunity to continue to grow in your faith? Do you want to learn more about the Gospel's message enjoy fellowship and pray with others in a small group? If so, join us in a Grace Covenant Group. The meetings will be held in various parishioners' homes. Please sign up with Judy Hutton or Carole Ashley. Any questions, please speak with Father Adolfo Moronta or Dr. Barbra McCune.

### ECW

Today ECW will meet **at 11:45AM** in the library. We will be planning the Father's Day Breakfast, please join us if you would like to help.

### Memorial Day BBQ – Grace's Kitchen:

BBQ season is back!! Our Soup Kitchen staff will have the day off on **Monday, May 29th**. Please consider volunteering (even for an hour) to set up, serve food and/or clean up between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Food contributions (salads, fruits, juice and/or soda) or monetary donations are always appreciated. There is a Sign- up Sheet outside of the Parish Hall.

To volunteer please contact Cynthia Brown at 914 325 6781.

**Please note:** Due to The WP Memorial Day Parade both Church Street & Main Street will be closed at 9 AM. Drivers are advised to drive up on Hamilton Avenue and park in the Municipal Garage.

### **Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 11th, 2017**

All Class of 2017 high school seniors and college students of Grace/La Gracia, please contact Marissa S. Boylan at [msboylan30@yahoo.com](mailto:msboylan30@yahoo.com) to be honored on Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 11th during the 10am mass. A reception will follow.

If any church group or committee would like to assist with the reception or if you would like to contribute to a gift for the graduates please contact Marissa as well. Please respond by May, 28th, 2017.

### **Brunch at La Bocca**

We have more than sufficient number of people who have reserved to attend the La Bocca Brunch. However, if you are interested in attending please let us know. Those of you who have not paid for the brunch please do so. Cecelia Paegler will be available during coffee hour.

### **Caribbean Ministries**

As announced at the Annual Meeting, the Caribbean Ministries will not have a Dinner Cruise this year. For years the profit achieved from the raffles has been significantly larger (and growing) than that of the dinner cruise (which is decreasing due to higher cost). This year we dropped the dinner cruise and will rely on expanded raffle ticket sales from Sunday April 30th until the parish picnic in September. The sale of the raffle, along with some donations is the sole sources of income for the outreach activates with churches in the Caribbean. For raffle tickets, please see members of Caribbean Ministries in the parish hall during Coffee Hour. Thank you, Walter Simon

### **Please Be Careful**

When you make out your pledge check, **please take your time**. The bank has rejected several checks which had post dates or dates more than a month old. We have had to return several checks to parishioners. We would also appreciate it if you put your pledge number in the memo section.

### **Altar Flowers & Paschal Ring**

Remember those you love by signing up for flowers to adorn the Altar for our worship. The signup sheets are posted on bulletin board for both Altar Flowers and Paschal Ring near the parish hall.

**Father Adolfo Moronta** will be on vacation from Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> returning on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lectors Needed**

Volunteers are needed for all services including the Family service, every third Sunday of the month. If you are available for one or both of these services, please provide your contact information on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board near the parish hall. You can also contact Ray Williams or Michael Heffner.

**Nursery Care** is available during the 10:00 AM service. We want our congregation to be as welcoming as possible to parents of young children! Although we have two wonderful nursery workers, we are always looking for volunteers to help out. Please talk to Father Rich if you would be willing to be one of our helpers.

## **HELD IN PRAYER**



**Ill, at Home, or in any need:** The Barry Family, Shannon Blackwell, Jo-Ann B. Boylan, Corinne Bradley, Canon Percy Braithwaite, Lucille Breach, Joe Brown, Bernice Burton, The Cassidy Family, Gina Corelli, Inez Dale, Don Davit, Raleigh Delaney, Frank DiGileo, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy,

The Rev. Martha Jane Dunphy, Sandra Esannason, Rosa Beza Gillece, Joseph Goldman ,Marcelo Gioliante, Barbara Griffith, Clara Harmon, Marie Huckabry, Ivy John, Margie Koop, John Letizia, Bill McAllister, Richard McMahon, JoJo Moore, Colleen Nelson, John Noone, George Paletta, Ethel Quinlan, The Quinones Family, Canon Blake Rider, The Reid Family, Gladstone Reid, Leroy Reid, , Renee Reid, Gail Rosen, Erroll Sorrel, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Sean Varona, Barbara Vigliotti, Natasha Vodyanitskiy, Marthe Watkins, Anthony Wright

**Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center:** Verna Brown

**Calvary Hospice:** Lorraine Reid

**Cedar Manor, Ossining:** Robert Auld,

**Schnurmacher, White Plains:** Elizabeth W. Carson

**R.I.P.** Sandra Barker Boyd

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Remembering especially Kenny Duffy, Denny J. Edmondson, Lt. Col. Rick Erickson, Melissa Lawrance, David Moran, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood

**Please note:** Unless we are informed otherwise, after one month an individual's name will be removed from our ill at home or in any need. However, if you want them to continue please inform us the Tuesday before the Sunday bulletin. Thank you.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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### Sunday

**10:00 AM** The Holy Eucharist - Church

**10:00 AM** Family Service- No Sunday School

**11:30 AM** Rite 13 Sunday School Classes

**12:30 PM** La Gracia Domingo de Pascua Misa (Spanish)

### Tuesday

**12:00 PM** Mass in Chapel

**2:00 PM** Santo Rosario (Spanish) Chapel

### Wednesday

**12:10 PM** Downtown Music – Church

**1:00 PM** DTM Volunteer Luncheon - Library

**3:00 PM** Ada's Rainbow Outreach – Parish hall

**7:30 PM** Bible Study in Library.

### Thursday

**12:00 PM** Funeral Service for Sandra Barker Boyd - Church

**12:00 PM** No Mass held in Chapel (Funeral Service)

**2:00 PM** Santo Rosario (Spanish) Chapel

### Friday

**7:30 PM** There will be no La Gracia Bible Study on Friday , May 26<sup>th</sup> & June 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Father Adolfo will be on vacation from Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> returning on  
Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Birthdays

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**Sunday 5/21** Carole Lashley  
**Monday 5/22** Marine Mauro, Carolyn Rogers  
**Wednesday 5/24** Kendell Simon Mangum  
**Thursday 5/25** Shane Daughtry  
**Friday 5/26** Tahra Grant,  
**Saturday 5/27** James Brown

## Anniversaries

**Saturday 5/27** Melanie Jackson- Walters & Marc Walters

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Dear Father Rich and Grace Church Family,

I am still basking in the glow of being enveloped in the light of your love, and I will be for a long time. It started the moment I got to the front door and did not let up until Joe dragged me out to the waiting van.

As I entered the Sanctuary after an absence of almost two years, I was overcome by the beauty of the space, the spirituality, the peace, the feeling of being home. Seeing the children so grown, so comfortable and involved filled me with such pleasure. Jordan, Anna Christina, Sebastian, Emmy and all the other young people you brought joy to my heart.

The music was beautiful! What a wonderful gift, the soloist rendition of "Ave Maria". Thank you to all. Last, but by no means least, my being able to receive Holy Communion with you was the ultimate blessing. My cup runneth over.

Peace and Blessings,  
Verna Brown

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If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church! Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer. Our communion is open to all baptized Christians. Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available. After the service there is coffee in the parish hall, and you would be welcome to join us. Thanks for being here with us!

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Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by Worship. We bear witness to God's love in Christ through our life together and our service to the wider community.

All are welcome!"