

Guardian Angels Catholic Community

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17**

(everyone joins in with the text in **BOLD**)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gathering: Sing of the Lord's Goodness (insert)**

## GREETING

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

The grace and peace of the Living God: Creator;  
Jesus, and Spirit, is with each of you!

**And also with you!**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

The Gospel of today's Mass reminds us of the commandment Christ left his disciples: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' It was God who **FIRST** loved us. As we allow God to love us, let us also call to mind that our response to that love is to love one another.

Again today we remember and celebrate our baptism. Baptized into Christ, we pray that through the witness we bear you will bring forth fruit that will last, and teach us, God of love, how to love one another.



GLORIA (sung) and SPRINKLING RITE.

**Refrain:**

**Glory! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!**

**Glory! Glory to God! Glory to God Most High!**

**O God, Holy One, almighty God and Maker,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory! Refrain**

**O Lord, Jesus Christ,  
Holy One, Redeemer,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world. *Refrain***

**You alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High God,  
with the Spirit in the glory of God! *Refrain***

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Your love, O God, remains among us  
in the gift of your Son Jesus.  
Baptized into Christ, we sing our joy  
of abiding in your love,  
and pledge our loving obedience to your command  
to love one another. **AMEN****

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**All the ends of the earth, sing a joyful song.  
Sing to the Lord, there is salvation.  
All the end of the earth, sing a joyful song.  
Sing to the Lord, there is salvation.**

2nd Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Give the glory and the honor to the Lord!**

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

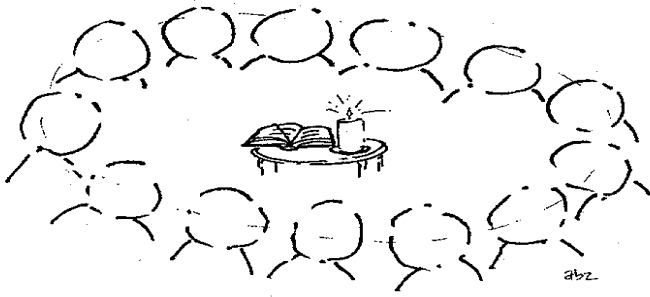
A reading from the holy + Gospel according to.....

**Glory to you, Lord.**

The Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to you Jesus Christ!**

#### HOMILY



## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

(A creed from the United Church of Canada, 1980)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

### **We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

### **We trust in God.**

### **We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

My friends, let us pray for the Holy Spirit's activity in our world, in our lives and in our homes and on this day we celebrate motherhood, let us pray for a world where every person is valued, appreciated and cherished.

\*For Mother Church:

**that all of us together may be the hands and feet,  
the heart and voice of Christ in this world.**

\*For Mother Earth:

**that we may respect and care for our home,  
for our children and our children's children.**

\*For mothers and grandmothers, stepmothers and godmothers:

**for all women who nurture and care for others.**

\*For women who are having difficult pregnancies:

**for the support they need from friends and family.**

\*For those who have a strained relationship with their mothers:

**for understanding, patience, healing and reconciliation.**

\*For all gathered here today:

**That we may show love in little ways,  
especially towards those we meet every day.**

I invite you to share your intercessions at this time.

**Creator, loving and nurturing God, hear our prayers this day. We pray always in Jesus' name. AMEN**

**Preparation: #367 Ubi Caritas**

## SIGN OF PEACE

Jesus you said to your friends,  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Grant that all of God's children  
may enjoy the peace and unity of your kingdom  
where you live forever and ever. **AMEN**

The peace of Jesus is with each of you!

**And also with you!**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace and then join together around the Table of the Lord.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*(Presider lifts paten with bread into hands and says:)*

We break this bread for those who journey the way of the Hindus, for those who follow the path of Buddha, for our sisters and brothers of Islam, for the Jewish people from whom we come, for Christians everywhere and for all those who walk the way of faith.

### **Blessed be God forever!**

*(Wine and water are poured into the chalice. Presider says:)*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*(Presider takes chalice and says:)*

We break this bread and drink this cup for the earth we have wasted, for those who have no bread and for ourselves in our brokenness.

### **Blessed be God forever!**

Christ lived and died for love.  
Let us remember him with this feast.

**All who seek God and are drawn to Christ  
are welcome at God's table.**



## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**God of Love, accept our prayers and offerings.  
Hear the praise of your people  
whom your Son has called his friends. AMEN**

## PREFACE

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Creator, all powerful and ever-living God,  
we praise and thank you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
for your presence and action in the world.  
In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is you  
who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.  
Your Spirit changes our hearts:  
enemies begin to speak to one another,  
those who were estranged join hands in friendship,  
and nations seek the way of peace together.

**Your Spirit is at work  
when understanding puts an end to strife  
when hatred is quenched by mercy  
and vengeance gives way to forgiveness.  
For this we should never cease  
to thank and praise you.**

We now join with all the choirs of heaven  
as they sing for ever to your glory: *(sung)*

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

*(Presider extends hand over bread and wine and says:)*  
Lord, may the Holy Spirit sanctify these offerings.  
Let them become the body + and blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord  
as we celebrate the great mystery  
which he left us as an everlasting covenant.

*(Presider takes bread and says:)*  
While they were at supper,  
He took bread, said the blessing  
broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
This is my body which will be given up for you.**

*(Presider takes chalice and says:)*

In the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine.  
He gave you thanks, and giving the cup to his friends, said:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
This is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: (sung)

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

Look on all your people,  
especially those in need of your protection,  
and OUR love and care.  
Remember also the lonely,  
those without hope,  
those mourning  
and all those who crave for love in their hearts.

**Merciful God,  
you so loved the world  
that in the fullness of time  
you sent your only Son to be our Savior.  
To the poor he proclaimed the good news,  
to prisoners, freedom and to those in sorrow, joy.**

Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ  
and all the dead whose faith is known to you alone.

**(PAUSE)**

May your spirit gather your people together in unity.  
Strengthen all whom you have called to your service:  
our bishop Peter, all women and men in ministry,  
all here present around this table,  
and all your people wherever they may be.

**You have gathered us here  
around the table of your son,  
in communion with Mary, the Mother of God,  
and all the saints.  
In that new world  
where the fullness of your peace will be revealed,  
gather people of every race, language and way of life  
to share in the one eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ the Lord.**

*(Bread and wine are held up as WE sing...)*

**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty God, for ever and ever.**

**AMEN. AMEN. ALLELUIA. AMEN.** (sung)



Let us join hands and pray what Jesus has taught us to pray (chanted):

**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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
Now and forever.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*(Presider breaks a small piece of host & drops it into chalice saying:)*

May this mingling of the holy body and blood of Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**Jesus, with faith in your love and mercy we receive this Eucharist.  
Let it bring us health in mind, body and spirit.**

This is Jesus the Christ who taught us how to live.  
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**May we receive this gift in purity of heart. May it bring us healing and strength now and forever.  
AMEN**

## **COMMUNION SONG: #407 Breastplate of St. Patrick**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All-loving God,  
we thank you for this great gift of your love,  
this eucharist we have shared.  
May it nourish us  
as we strive to live as your true friends,  
loving you and on another  
gratefully remembering you first loved us. AMEN**

## FINAL BLESSING

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God of Holy Adventure,  
Inspire us to live by your adventurous vision,  
as co-creators in the transformation of the world.  
Awaken us to new possibilities waiting to be imagined.  
Give us courage when the way is uncertain.  
And open our hearts, so that we might bring beauty, healing  
and love to those who journey beside us,  
and to this good earth. **AMEN.**

And may almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

## DISMISSAL

**Our mass never ends, it must be lived. So let us go forth to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!  
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

## **Sending Forth: Cantic of the Turning (insert)**

***In essentials, unity;  
In nonessentials, diversity;  
In all things, charity.***

Attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo