

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 4-5, 2024

Welcome to the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, Maryland.
Thank you for worshipping with us!

Gathering Song

All Are Welcome #850

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: **All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **All are welcome...**
3. Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground, Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **All are welcome...**

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Sprinkling Rite

by Bob Moore

Cantor *All*
Come to the wa - ter. Come to the wa - ter.

Cantor *All*
Drink of it free - ly. Drink of it free - ly.

Cantor *All*
Taste God's own Spir - it. Taste God's own
Spir - it. Sweet re - fresh - ment.

All
Sweet re - fresh - ment.

Glory to God

Refrain

Gló-ri-a! Gló-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on
earth peace to peo-ple, to peo-ple of good will.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II

1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love 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 no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

OR

Where the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is transferred to Sunday, permission is granted to use the 2nd reading and Gospel from the 7th Sunday of Easter on the Sixth Sunday.

Reading II (7th Sunday of Easter)

1 Jn 4:11-16

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

Gospel (7th Easter)

Jn 17:11b-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(bow for the next two lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the

Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

OR

APOSTLES' CREED*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but **the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. The words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter focus strongly on baptism.*

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Where Charity and Love Prevail #706

1. Where charity and love prevail, There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek, Be ours God's holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Gods begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, We are in Christ made one.
6. No race nor creed can love exclude If honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

Prayer Response

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer before Communion

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

We Remember #681

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.

We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

3. Christ, the Father's great "Amen" to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.
4. See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side,
Gift to one another, and temples of your love.

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Sending

Love Divine All Loves Excelling #641

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling; All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation, Let your love in us endure.

Come, almighty to deliver; Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore your temples leave.
Lord, we would be always blessing, Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your precious love.

Finish then your new creation, Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;
Let us see your great salvation Perfectly in you restored.
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we sing before the almighty, Lost in wonder, love and praise!

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