

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9-10, 2026

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


Entrance Antiphon

"Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name".

Gathering Song

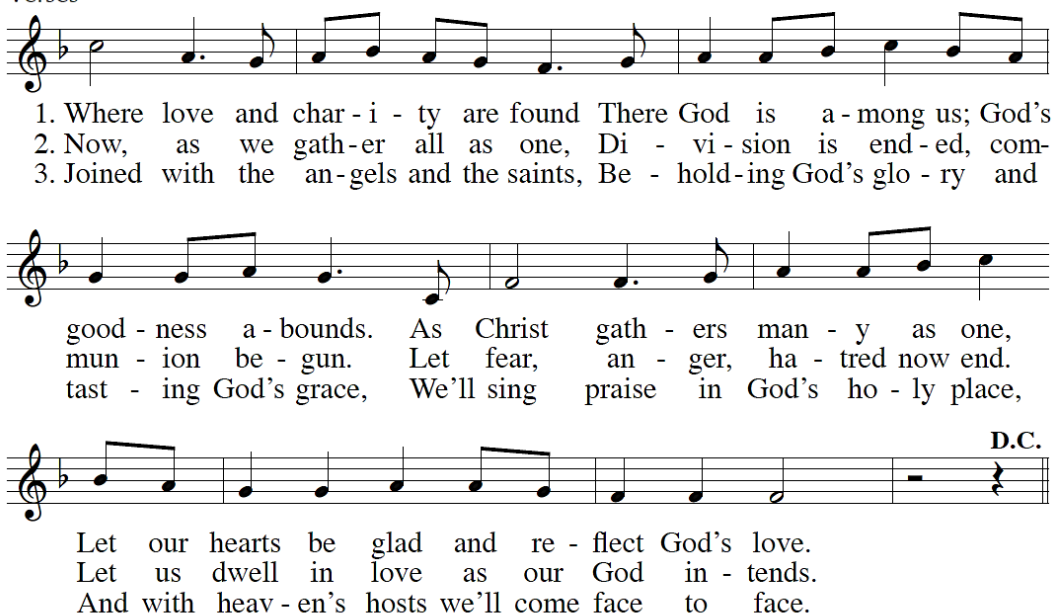
At the Table of Jesus #948

Refrain



At the ta - ble of Je - sus we are nour - ished and fed By the
bless - ing cup and heav - en's liv - ing bread. At the
ta - ble of Je - sus earth and heav - en are wed. To a
hun - gry world, by our God we are led.

Verses



1. Where love and char - i - ty are found There God is a - mong us; God's
2. Now, as we gath - er all as one, Di - vi - sion is end - ed, com -
3. Joined with the an - gels and the saints, Be - hold - ing God's glo - ry and
good - ness a - bounds. As Christ gath - ers man - y as one,
mun - ion be - gun. Let fear, an - ger, ha - tred now end.
tast - ing God's grace, We'll sing praise in God's ho - ly place,
D.C.
Let our hearts be glad and re - flect God's love.
Let us dwell in love as our God in - tends.
And with heav - en's hosts we'll come face to face.

Text: Based on *Ubi Caritas*; Tony E. Alonso, b.1980

Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS, Irregular with refrain; Joseph Brackett, Jr., 1797-1882; arr. by Marty Haugen, b.1950

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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.

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Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Reading II*

1 Pt 3:15-18

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

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.

***1 Pt 4:13-16**

Beloved:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer.

But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

Gospel*

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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***Jn 17:1-11a**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,

"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,

just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.

Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.

They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you gave me is from you,

because the words you gave to me I have given to them,

and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you,

and they have believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me,

because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine,

and I have been glorified in them.

And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

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.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman #889

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.

Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

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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.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. (Cf. Ps 78 :29-30)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Miracle of Grace #254 SS

Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep.
Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.

Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die. Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life.

Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart with bread come down from heaven above.
And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise! (to Refrain 2)

Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die. Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life, bread of life, bread of life.

Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed with your very body and your blood.
Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end, for what God joins no one can divide. (to Refrain 2)

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Sending

Let There Be Peace on Earth #829

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, fam'ly all are we.
Let me (us) walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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