

Easter 06

05-14-2023

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 665 – Rise, Shine, You People!](#)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 858 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty](#)

1st Reading: [Acts 17:22-31](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹ who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
¹² you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.^[a]

¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,
¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah*

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

¹⁷ I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
he has heard the words of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

2nd Reading: [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)

The Gospel: [John 14:15-21](#)

Hymn: [ELW 608 – Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Angela Hayes, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Mary Kissh, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Pastor Jack, and the family of Karen Dye.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters
Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 663 – Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word](#)

Announcements

- **Council Meeting** – Wednesday, 7:30 pm at the church
- **Ruth Sutor – Celebration of Life** – Friday, 5/19/2023 from 2-4 pm at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Parish Hall, 5603 North Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210

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