

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#793

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **O God, You have shown that all we truly need is to love. Expand our hearts to embrace your world and show ourselves as children of a compassionate God, for the sake of your Son Jesus, amen.**

FIRST READING:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 183

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL:

Mark 12:28-31

Pew Bible New Testament Pg.50

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Change My Heart, O God

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer**

In you we live and have our being, O God. Accept and grant these prayers which we bring before you, by the grace of Jesus Christ our savior, **amen**.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

#800

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

DISMISSAL

**Christ is risen, just as he said! Share the good news – safely and with appropriate social distancing! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE