

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

17<sup>th</sup> May 2020



## OPENING HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and sinless let us be:  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

PSALM RESPONSE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

*In the body He was put to death, in the spirit He was raised to life.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate.*

## NICENE CREED

**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, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) 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.**

OFFERTORY

'Tis the month of our Mother *is sung, in honour of Our Lady.*

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a 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 sacramentally, come at least 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

O Bread to pilgrims given *is sung.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia, His the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion,  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

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