



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

The Word of God

Prelude

Chant Donn 

Maurice Durufl  (1902-1986)

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria In Excelsis

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect Of The Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 98



- ¹ Sing to the / Lord a ' new / song, *
for he has done / marvel'ous / things.
- ² With his right hand and his / ho'ly / arm *
has he won for him-/self ' the / victory.
- ³ The Lord has made / known ' his / victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the / sight of ' the / nations.
- ⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the / house ' of / Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory / of ' our / God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, / all ' you / lands; *
lift up your voice, re-/jice, ' and / sing.
- ⁶ Sing to the Lord / with ' the / harp, *
with the harp and the / voice ' of / song.
- ⁷ With trumpets and the / sound of ' the / horn *
shout with joy before the / King, ' the / Lord.
- ⁸ Let the sea make a noise and / all that ' is / in it, *
the lands and those who / dwell ' there-/in.

⁹ Let the rivers / clap ' their / hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to / judge ' the / earth.

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he / judge ' the / world *
and the / peoples ' with / equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #379

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Gospel Reading

John 15: 9-17

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved 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 do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers Of The People

In the joy and hope that is ours in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the world, the church and for ourselves.

We pray for the Church: that the renewing and empowering grace of the resurrection will guide and direct the Church throughout the world. Holy, gracious and loving God
May we rejoice in the victory of Christ

We pray for the world: that by the saving power of our risen Christ, civil strife, poverty, injustice and disease will cease; give your grace to all in authority. We pray especially for (N.) Holy, gracious and loving God
May we rejoice in the victory of Christ

We pray for this community: that the consolation of Christ's risen presence will touch and heal the sick, support and strengthen the despairing and comfort the dying. We pray especially for (N.) Holy, gracious and loving God
May we rejoice in the victory of Christ

In Christ's resurrection we are all raised to the new life of God's reign. We remember those who have died and whom we still love but no longer see, especially (N.) Holy, gracious and loving God
May we rejoice in the victory of Christ

We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and especially (N.) Holy, gracious and loving God
May we rejoice in the victory of Christ

Eternal God, in you is all our hope, in life, in death and to all eternity: grant, that rejoicing in the eternal life that is ours in Jesus Christ, we may face whatever the future may bring knowing that nothing can separate us from you. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Sing We of the Bless'd Mother

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

Greetings And Announcements

General Thanksgiving

God of abundance, you have united us with Christ and one another and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Thank you for your mercies showered upon us as the world is filled with hope this Easter season.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Mother's Day Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of mothers. As they have given us life, may we have grace to share that life with others. As they have shown us patience, may we show patience to those around us. As they have given us care and hope and challenge may we, through their own gift of life, inspire a world though that same care and hope and challenge. And whether they be in this world or the next, let them feel our hearts full of gratitude for all they have taught us, all they have given us and all they have hoped into our future. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Prelude on Caithness

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

May 9, 2021

Thank you for worshipping with us. The community of St. Mary's is gathering online in many days and ways throughout the week while we are sheltering-in-place. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

ANNOUNCING STAFF TRANSITION: THE REV. MARGUERITE JUDSON

Greetings St. Mary's Community,

The last 14 months have been a whirlwind of change and uncertainty, and yet through it all the Holy Spirit has been present, guiding and sustaining us along the way. If anything, the last year has confirmed that the only constant in life, besides God, is change.

I write to inform you that The Rev. Marguerite Judson will be concluding her ministry at St. Mary's on June 27th, 2021. In her time among us, Rev. Marguerite has embodied Christ's steady grace in her sermons, pastoral care, and her shepherding of ministry. Working with many faithful members of the parish, aspects of Christian Formation, Parish Life, and Evangelism have seen new and meaningful growth and opportunity. I will miss her wisdom and experience, and I am thankful for her partnership in discerning God's will and way in the life of St. Mary's.

Here are some words from Rev. Marguerite:

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ with you, in the community of St. Mary the Virgin, since the fall of 2018. These three years have been times of tumultuous change during the pandemic and also a time of healing and stability in our community. The last 18 months have also been a surprising journey for me into medical challenges which now require my attention. These are not life-threatening conditions, but they are life-changing.

I deeply appreciate the support which The Rev. David Erickson has offered as I navigated unexpected transitions out of my full-time ministry at St. Mary's – ministry which has been such a source of joy and delight. My current plan is to put time and energy into my own health and to continue my ordained ministry as an Assisting Priest at All Souls, Berkeley.

I will miss you and I am thankful we share this journey together, seeking and serving Christ in all persons as we, like our namesake Mary the God-bearer, bring Christ's love into the world.

We will celebrate Rev. Marguerite's ministry among us, virtually, on Sunday, June 20th. On June 27th, during our mid-year check in, we will thank her one last time for her ministry to us as Associate Rector.

Going forward, St. Mary's will spend a year in discernment for the next full time Associate Rector. We hope to advertise the position early in 2022 with the hope of calling our next priest by the Fall of 2022. During this interim period, Mike Stafford has accepted the position of Interim Associate Minister. Mike is already of incredible service to God's work at St. Mary's as our youth minister and is involved in Christian Formation, Parish Life, and Justice Ministry. I will share specifics of his role as interim in the near future.

For now, please pray for Rev. Marguerite and her journey ahead. Feel free to reach out to her and thank her for her time with us in ministry.

Blessings, Grace, and Peace,

Rev. David Erickson
Rector

HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE IN THE COURTYARD SUN. MAY 23, THE DAY OF PENTECOST!

The Holy Spirit has breathed new life upon our Sunday morning courtyard Eucharist gatherings! On Sunday, May 23, The Day of Pentecost, we will offer Holy Eucharist services in the courtyard at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made [HERE](#). Child care for children ages 2.5 to 6 years of age will be offered during the 9:00 a.m. service. **Please make sure to register children separate from the Eucharist reservation.** On the Sundays that courtyard Eucharist is offered, there will be no 9:00 a.m. Virtual Family Service or in-person small group worship at the Presidio.

All courtyard Eucharist services will adhere to prevailing city and county health and safety protocols although some relaxed restrictions may be applied on Pentecost Sunday in accordance to the most updated health and safety guidelines and Diocesan regulations. For those unable or uncomfortable attending an in-person Eucharist service, a live stream of the 10:00 a.m. courtyard service will be available on St. Mary's website and on St. Mary's Facebook page beginning at 10:00 a.m. and available throughout the day. Communion delivery by a St. Mary's Eucharistic Visitor may be arranged by contacting St. Mary's parish office no later than the Friday before the service.

Wear red, the color of Pentecost, and join in the commemoration of this principal feast

of the Church day as we “go forth into world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit” and live out the message of Pentecost of bringing God’s unconditional love to a world that longs for healing words and compassionate actions.

HONORING OUR GRADUATING STUDENTS

We are gathering information about our young people who are graduating from middle school, high school or college this spring. Please send the names of St. Mary’s students - and their academic milestone - to marguerite@smvsf.org and to ashley@smvsf.org by Sunday, May 30th for listing in our bulletin and other celebrations to come!

MINISTRY CELEBRATION BOOKLET: WE NEED YOUR MINISTRY STORIES!

We are celebrating all ministries at our mid-year check in on Sunday June 27th. As a part of that celebration, we will be producing a booklet of ministry stories and pictures from the last year.

We invite all ministries to submit a reflection on their ministry by Monday, June 7th. Reflection should be 500 words or less, and ideally include pictures that reflect your ministry in this unique year. We ask ministry volunteers to partner with their ministry leadership and other volunteers in creating and submitting their reflections. Should you have any questions, you may reach out to the vestry liaison to your ministry, which can be found [HERE](#),

or you may email our parish administrator, Ashley Ryan, at ashley@smvsf.org.

We are excited to celebrate and share with one another all the incredible ways that Christ’s grace has manifested itself among us in this unique year!

NEW OPTIONS FOR IN-PERSON CHILD CARE/ SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce a new adventure in regathering: we will provide child care at one in-person service each Sunday.

The usual location will be the 10:15 Morning Prayer service in the Presidio and pre-registration for the childcare is required by noon on the preceding Friday. Details are [HERE](#) about the ages served and the registration process for the Presidio.

When we are offering the Holy Eucharist at services in St. Mary’s Courtyard, childcare will be provided for 2.5-6 year old children at the 9:00 service (and there will be no Morning Prayer in the Presidio). Registration for Courtyard childcare is required at the same time you register for the Courtyard Holy Eucharist service [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Assoc. Rector at marguerite@smvsf.org.

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

The St Mary's finance office is pleased to announce the addition of Zelle®, a fast, safe and easy way to make donations by sending money directly from your bank to our bank with no fees for either party. With just our email address (finance@smvsf.org) you can use your phone or computer to instruct your bank to send St. Mary's a donation for any purpose including your pledge. (There is a memo line to direct your donation).

Using this type of digital transfer is more reliable than sending checks through the mail (we have had checks go missing every month in the past 6 months) and far less work for our team and probably for you also.

If you would like more information about this option, please email Ellen McLean our Assistant Treasurer emclean47@gmail.com

**"WAY OF LOVE" REVIVAL WEEKEND:
VIRTUAL WORSHIP AND CONCERT
Pentecost season opens with Way of Love
Revival Weekend.**

*'One in the Spirit' features churchwide
virtual worship and concert.*

The Episcopal Church greets Pentecost with *One in the Spirit, a Way of Love Revival Weekend* designed to fan the flames of hope, celebrate difference, honor creation, foster beloved community, and send people toward Jesus's Way of Love. The weekend of events includes the following:

- Saturday, May 22, 6-7:30 p.m.:
Concert for the Human Family and
"From Many, One" Community
Conversations
- Sunday, May 23, 4-
5:30 p.m.: Churchwide Pentecost
Revival Worship from Philadelphia,
Navajoland, Seattle, St. Louis, and
Washington, D.C.

Read more (in English and Spanish) [HERE](#).

**ST. MARY'S SANCTUARY OPEN FOR
PRAYER, THURSDAYS, 3-5PM**

St. Mary's Sanctuary has opened for private individual prayer on Thursdays from 3-5 p.m.. We ask all individuals to wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance between other people. We suggest only one individual or household per pew. Pews will be spaced out six feet apart.

Rev. David Erickson will also be on site should you wish to set up a time and meet with him in either courtyard. Or feel free to drop on by!

GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19
If you are eligible (see below for criteria), sign up for an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Please keep in mind that the supply of vaccine remains limited.

Eligibility

San Francisco is vaccinating:

- Everyone over the age 16.

Supply remains limited

Even if you are eligible, there may not be a dose available right now. Keep checking for available appointments.

What to do

The City is partnering with healthcare providers to establish high volume vaccine sites. Supply is limited, and you may not be able to book an appointment, even if you are eligible.

For more information regarding getting vaccinated please click [HERE](#).

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

Please visit our website [HERE](#), at smvsf.org to see the breadth of our virtual worship opportunities.

9 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE ON ZOOM

St. Mary's warmly welcomes you to our weekly virtual family worship service at 9 a.m. Look for our Sunday morning e-blast to access the service!

Please join using the link found in Highlights or email The Rev. Marguerite Judson at marguerite@smvsf.org, or Ashley Ryan at ashley@smvsf.org for access.

We have a new [Eastertide Songbook](#) for the 9:00 zoom service. If you find it helpful, please print the booklet so that you can join us in song during our worship.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

May 9: No Youth Group on Mother's Day; spend that extra time with your family, and we'll see you next week.

May 16: [Zoom Youth Group from 5-6!](#) All 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us!

May 23: In-person Youth Group! All 6th-12th graders are invited to meet in the Church courtyard at 12pm, and then we'll head out for lunch together. Pick up will be back at church at 2pm.

May 30: No Youth Group because of Memorial Day Weekend.

Ongoing Announcement about the Mission Trip:

Youth Mission Trip to San Francisco, CA! All current 8th-12th graders are invited to join us for a Mission Trip in our own City By The Bay from Monday June 21-Saturday June 26. Each day we will meet for some community service and some extra fun together, exploring different parts of the City. At the end of the day each participant will return home for dinner. The cost is \$100/participant (pay via the SMV website), which will cover all food and expenses. [To sign up please follow this link](#). All questions can be sent to Mike Stafford (mike@smvsf.org).

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

David
The Family of Dr. Lindley Spaht Dodson
Ilia Smith
Dani Mae
Terry Carter
Gail Berry
Susan Crown
Gregory
Caroline
Lucas McGuire
Wendy

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers are offered for ongoing concerns during the Wed. 12:10 service.

André Diedrichs
June
Pat Okimoto
Dorris Howard
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
San Francisco Night Ministry
Jane
Pete
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Tim Eland
Forester Davis
Simon
Phyllis Shepherd

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jeff Parsons
Naya Ariel
Joe Alderette
Alison Butterfield
Raymond O'S Kelly

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those in countries where vaccine, oxygen and medical supplies are scarce, especially in India and Brazil.

For mothers throughout the world who are alienated or separated from their children, who have experienced the death of a child or have a mother who died as a result of the pandemic.

THANKSGIVINGS

For our own mothers and for others we hold dear who have enriched our lives with their motherly virtues.

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