



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 22 MAY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

### The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Kyrie eleison

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### The Collect of the Day

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O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: Acts (16:9–15)

*The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1011*

#### Commentary:

*Paul, following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, travelled to Macedonia, a Roman province, as he spread Christianity's message. Philippi was a major city within Macedonia, it was an important economic hub and was home to many retired Roman legionnaires. It seems the Jewish population of Philippi was too small to support a synagogue, so Jews and God-fearing Gentiles gathered for Sabbath prayers outside the city, by the river. There, Paul met and preached the gospel to a group of women, one of whom was Lydia, a successful Gentile businesswoman. God opened Lydia's heart to accept the message as well as the messenger; Lydia extended Christian hospitality to Paul and his friends, welcoming them into her home.*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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The Reverend Nancy Jose.

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*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

*Preacher: The Reverend Nancy Jose*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*

*Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Tune Nunnelee II.*

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