



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The 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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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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 17:22–31

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1012

*Commentary: Luke reported, in this part of Acts, on the advance of the gospel into southern Greece, one of the areas Paul evangelized on his second missionary journey. Paul began his speech by acknowledging the Athenians' reverence for their many gods. Then, Paul related what the one true God had revealed about Himself. Paul explained that the true God made and sustained all things, and that God is sovereign over the nations, yet near to each person. Paul pointed out that worship of man-made idols is illogical and concluded by stating that the God who created in the past redeems in the present and will judge in the future. God's appointed agent of judgment will be the resurrected Jesus Christ.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*People* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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**The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*

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