

6th Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017

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"If you love me, you will keep my commandments..."

Please join in the parts in bold print *Please stand for the hymns*

Here is the "code" for our hymnals:

"Blue Hymnal": *The Hymnal 1982* "LEVAS Hymnal": the red and black *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*
"Green WLP Hymnal": the soft-cover *Wonder Love and Praise*

Processional Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Again (HOS)" Blue Hymnal #184

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity *Please pray in unison*

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

The Ministry of the Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

The Collect

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.**

Community Collect: A Collect for Sunday *Please pray in unison*

O God our King, **by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem**

all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo* *Please read responsively by whole verse*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 **Who holds our souls in life, ***
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 **You brought us into the snare; ***
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and
spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 **Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 **If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

The Sermon

Father Picou

The Nicene Creed

Red Prayerbook, page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form III

Please kneel

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Touch with your healing hand, Lord, these persons whose lives are linked with ours: Gloria, Noel, Dorothy, Mitzie and Elizabeth. **Fill them with your peace.**

Bless these persons in our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Gloria Normann and Marcea Paul. **Thank you for the grace of their presence.**

Protect those who serve in the Military, especially Charles, Felicia and Fernando. **Strengthen their trust in you.**

Thank you for those who serve in the ministry of Hospitality Committee and Lay Eucharistic Visitors. **Give them joy in their service.**

Silence for listening to God

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence for reflection and repentance*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Blessings for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries and for travelers



The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Greet each other with words of Peace in God's Name

Offertory Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Blue Hymnal #488

At the presentation of the gifts

“All things are thine”

Tune: *Gardiner*

1 All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all
gifts, to offer thee; And hence with grate-ful hearts to -
day Thine own be-fore thy feet we lay. A - men.

UTO Prayer: Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Holy Communion



Eucharistic Prayer I (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

At 8:00

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

At 10:00 Sanctus & Benedictus "Santo Santo Santo/Holy Holy Holy" Green WLP Hymnal, #785



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

You may remain standing or you may kneel

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

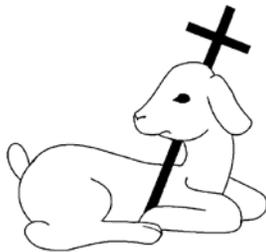
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Proclaim boldly **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer *[traditional]*

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Words at the Breaking of the Bread



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
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**have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
grant us peace.**

All baptized Christians are welcome at the altar rail, our Lord's banquet table.
If you have not yet begun receiving the bread and wine, please come for a blessing.

After the minister presents the bread or the wine, please respond Amen.

Communion Hymn

“O Lord My God”

LEVAS #60

Post-communion Prayer (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Ministers (*when going out to the sick*)

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

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.**

Hymn of Mission

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Blue Hymnal #398

The Dismissal

Please respond **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Birthday of Caden Austin Piersol by Chris and Jim Piersol

UTO Ingathering

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Announcements

- Please remember to donate generously to the *UTO ingathering*. Envelopes and boxes are available in the back of the church to help support this mission.
- Starting the Sunday after Memorial Day (06/04) we will begin a new Summer Schedule. We will have only **one service on Sundays, beginning at 9:00 A.M.** This will give us a chance to worship all together with our entire parish family! Lay Readers, remember to check the new schedule for your reading assignments.
- Pass along your suggestions for *Summer Movies* to Donna Lewis



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Vestry

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Donna Lewis, <i>Sr. Warden</i>	Garth Fairbairn	LaVerne Johnson
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Berenice Wallace, <i>Asst. Sr. Warden</i>	Andrea Taylor Jones, <i>Asst. Jr. Warden</i>	Catherine Mollyneaux



Thank you for worshipping at St. Faith's today.
From first-time visitors to long-time friends
we thank God for this time together.

St. Faith's Prayer List – Week of May 21 – May 27, 2017

St. Faith's Parishioners

Barry	Eldon	Noel
Bobby	Gary	Pat
Chris	Gloria	Marguerite
Catherine	Gloria	Monica
Daphne	Hazel	Mitzie
Dorothy	Jeanette	Shelby
Elizabeth	John	Valerie

Those whose lives are linked with ours

Brian Jr.	Ezra	Mary
Brian Sr.	Enric	Natalie
Carl Jr.	Dominique	Natasha
Chrystalia	Anna	Randy
Denise	Jason	Tanissa
Dennis	Juan	Teresa
Derryk	Loreanza	Todd
Diane	Mary	Tyrone
Eric Jr.	Milton	Wayne

From our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Gloria Normann
Marcea Paul

Ministries

Hospitality Committee
Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Clergy

Michael Picou, our Supply Priest
Deacon Marcea, our Deacon & Seminarian
Peter, our Diocesan Bishop
Leo, Calvin, John, & David, our retired bishops
Michael, our Presiding Bishop
Katharine, our Former Presiding Bishop

The South Dade Deanery

St. Thomas, Mario Milian, *Rector*
Bill Walker, *Assisting Priest*
Ed Hammatt, *Deacon*
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Mario Miranda, *Priest-in-Charge*
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Frank Corbishley, *Priest-in-Charge*

The Episcopal Church & Anglican Communion

Ngbo – (Enugu, Nigeria)
Grand Bahama Island: Good Shepherd, Pinder's Point
Saint Jude, Smith's Point
Saint Andrew, Lake Worth & Holy Redeemer, Lake Worth

Those serving in the military

Alexander	Fernando	Matthew
Barry	Gary	Michael
Brian	Giovanni	Paulette
Charles	Griffin	Tricia
Felicia	Jay	Stephanie

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