

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22nd, 2022



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**We are delighted to have you with us!**

**Please follow all COVID-19 restrictions.**

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am

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## *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.*

## *THE FIRST LESSON*

### **Acts 16:9-15**

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 RESPONSE*

### Psalm 67

#### *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## *THE EPISTLE*

### Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day~ and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But

nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

### *THE GOSPEL*

#### **John 5:1-9**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids— blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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### PARISH NOTES

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed. Please give to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled Diaper Pantry. **Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are appreciated.** We covered 25 baby bottoms in May.

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact Nancy Shipman at 570-286-0430 to volunteer. Donations of canned fruits & vegetables are welcome. The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated.**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME:** Church service time is 10:00 AM. Masks are now optional.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

**CHILDREN MINISTRY:** Please consider your participation and role in this vital ministry. Here is a link to the Diocese webpage for your review. [Children | The Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania \(diocesecpa.org\)](http://Children | The Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania (diocesecpa.org)) Please let Anissa know, 570-898-2275, if you are interested in working to teach our children & guide them in faith.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages. Are you being called to the lay ministry of **Eucharistic Minister** (someone who helps with communion from the altar and distributes the chalice), **Crucifer** (someone who carries the cross in procession) or **Lector** (someone who reads the lessons and the "prayers of the people.") We are also looking to train servers of all ages for the ministry of **Thurifer** (someone who dispenses incense with the thurible.) Please contact Anissa DeCaprio-Sanduta if interested.

**LAY MINISTRIES:** Anyone interested in participating with any of the Lay Ministries, please contact any Vestry member or speak with Mary Ann Loftus.

## **PARISH NOTES (*cont.*)**

**SURVEYS:** The deadline for the surveys has been moved to the end of June. If you have not turned in your survey, please fill it out and do so. This survey will help in acquiring the right Rector for our Church and the needs of our parishners and community.

## **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Fran Zartman (2020-2022, 2022-2024)\*

Roy Casey (2021-2023)

Cyn Reid (2020-2022, 2022-2024)\*

Pam Schlegel (2021-2023)

Nathan Blanchard (2021-2023)

Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta (2021-2023)

Carol Lamparter (2022-2024)

Martha Bohner (2022-2024)

Lynda Schlegel-Culver (2022-2024)

Senior Warden: Mary Ann Loftus

Junior Warden: Roy Casey

Clerk of the Vestry: Cynthia Reid

Senior Warden Emeritus: Charlie Schlegel

## **DELEGATES TO CONVENTION IN 2022**

Cyn Reid

Barb Sauter

(\* indicates that the person must wait one year before running for vestry again in the final year of election)

## ***A Guide for Congregations in Transition***

The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

*Merciful God, be with us and guide us; open our minds and teach us; open our hearts and surround us with your love that we may feel your presence in all our works. Imbue us with wisdom and awareness of your vision as we*

*seek a new rector and spiritual leader. Grant us an adventurous spirit, willing to attempt new tasks and face new ways, ever mindful of the need to listen more to your still, small voice than to our own fancies and desires. Grant continued grace and commitment to those who have been called to serve as members of the Profile and Search Committees, that they may become faithful companions to each other, to the Vestry, and to this Parish. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Stephen, Frances, Pamela, Kelsey, Alayah, Angela, Stan, Alexis, Tanya, Steve K., Weston, Scott, Erika, Church of the Redeemer, Michele, Judy, Kelly, and Lila. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all the departed.

(\* Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Secretary, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they can be added for the next upcoming Sunday.)

### **DONATIONS:**

\*\*You can now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "on line" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

Or you may continue to mail your contributions to:

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**All tithes and offerings are greatly appreciated**