



Holy Family Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

Welcome to Holy Family's Online Worship!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, please email admin@hfec.org. Thank you for being part of the community this worship time! Alleluia Christ is Risen!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer.

You are invited to check in on social media.

Entrance Hymn

*Hymnal 594
God of Grace and God of Glory*

- 1 **God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.**
- 2 **Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.**
- 3 **Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**
- 4 **Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.**

Greeting and Announcements

The Word of God

BCP 355

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Officiant

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.**

Gloria

Gather 97

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.**

The First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

- 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 Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

People **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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

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 worshipped
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.**

The Prayers of the People Form VI *BCP 392*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence may be kept

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for
those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and
oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of
trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Cline,
Clines, and Conroy-Roth families and for those who
serve in our Children's Ministries. We pray for the
peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek
the Truth.**

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer we pray for the
people and clergy of St. John's, Washington. We pray
for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our
Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Especially remembering those on our prayer list
Linda, Greg, Kinley Mae, Carla, Barb, and Laraine, we
pray for the special needs and concerns of this
congregation.

Silence - the People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those expecting babies soon especially Diane & Quinn and Leslie & Jimmie. We pray for those preparing for Confirmation and for those who are graduating this year. We pray in Thanksgiving for the birth of Charlie Jane to Kylie & Dylan and for our church community. Even when we are physically separated, we are one body in prayer. Please add your own thanksgivings.

Silence - the People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - the People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Deacon Let us confess sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin *BCP 360*

**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.**

Absolution

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Anthem

*Bethany Paden
People of God
Haylie Allcott*

The congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together.

The Lord's Prayer *BCP 364*

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.

Graduate Recognition

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn

*Hymnal 398
I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

- 1 I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**
- 2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**
- 3 There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Announcements:

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.



Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and talk about today's online worship. Share how you are spending your worship time and spread the Good News!

Church at Home: Weekly resources for children, youth, and adults can be found at Faith@Home. Also, see the bottom of each week's Holy Family newsletter for a printable coloring sheet that matches the weekly Gospel scripture.

Morning Prayer & Compline – Facebook Watch Parties: The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis has set up a page on Facebook for live videos of Morning Prayer and Compline at 8 AM and 8 PM, respectively. All are welcome to join in on these Watch Parties through the diocesan page, [IndyDio Virtual Abbey](http://IndyDioVirtualAbbey).

Important Information: Holy Family will not be gathering or worshipping in-person during the month of May. Both Bishop Jennifer and the wider Episcopal Church are following this same practice due to safety concerns for worshipers. Since the COVID-19 crisis is so fluid, the clergy members of this diocese are meeting weekly with the bishop via Zoom to discuss what is currently known about this disease and how it affects church life. Consequently, I ask that everyone makes an extra effort to read the weekly newsletter to learn about the latest developments for Holy Family. It is everyone's desire to get back together as soon as possible, but all due caution must be exercised, and parishioners should wait until it is technically safe to do so. May God continue to bless us all. For a longer reflection of what Holy Family is experiencing and what to expect, please watch [THIS VIDEO](#). – Father Bruce+

Youth Group Senior Celebration & Games TODAY: The next online gathering for members of Youth Group will be held via ZOOM on Sunday, May 17th at 4 PM. Graduating high school seniors will be recognized, and a variety of games will be shared. Please check Remind101 or contact Youth Ministry for the login information.

Licensed Counseling Available for Free: Deacon Cathy is offering free, short-term counseling by telephone for any parishioner who is experiencing depression, anxiety, or just generalized worry about the future or is having difficulty coping with this "new normal." Cathy has over 30 years of counseling experience and is licensed with the State of Indiana. Deacon Cathy cannot prescribe medication, but will be happy to refer you to a local mental health center for follow-up. Feel free to reach out to her at 317-441-8493 to talk.

Graduate Recognition TODAY: Celebrate all 2020 graduates (high school, college, and grad school) on May 17th during Sunday worship.

Parish Administrator Announcement: Cheryl Burke has announced her resignation from the Parish Administrator position. Cheryl and her family will remain involved at both Holy Family and St. Paul's, Indianapolis. The parish, staff, and ministries are grateful for the time and dedication Cheryl has shared over these last nine years. The search for the next Parish Administrator now begins. Candidates should have experience managing space, finances, volunteers, vendors, contracts, and time. Among other duties, the Parish Administrator is often the first contact with new parishioners and outside groups, therefore candidates must possess a friendly and welcoming demeanor. The ability to work collaboratively, creatively, and in an organized fashion are needed to be successful in this position. Anyone interested in this part time, paid position should please contact Fr. Bruce at bgray@HFEC.org. All such inquiries will be kept confidential by Bruce since parishioners are eligible to apply. The deadline for expressing interest through email to Bruce is June 15.

Prayer Flight: PrayerFlight is a group of men and women who have joined forces to pray over American cities, states, and the nation from the unique perspective of flight. Parishioner Marty Blake volunteered to command the flight and asked the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows to fly along and pray over the Indianapolis metro area on May 7th. Read the full article and see photos [HERE](#).

COVID-19 Information Webpage: Holy Family has created a new webpage to centralize information about staying connected to church life, receiving current health information, and finding resources for spiritual practices during these difficult times. The page can be found [HERE](#).

Pub Theology: Pub Theology is taking a break for the summer. Please watch for updates in the fall about when future meetings will be held.

Online Resource: Fr. Bruce has started a new blog for spiritual resources, especially during this time of social distancing. Holy Family's deacon, Cathy Scott, is also contributing to it and other authors may also do so in the future. The website is www.churchfromadistance.org. Feel free to share it with others, and to offer suggestions or questions that would help make the blog more interesting and helpful. Contact Bruce at bgray@hfec.org.

Love Thy Neighbor: While following recommended social distancing procedures, consider checking in on ill, elderly, or isolated neighbors to make sure they are doing ok.

Sew Many Ways to Help! Area crafters are joining together to sew protective masks and scrub caps for area healthcare providers, food pantry volunteers, and others. For more information on how to help by donating money or supplies or by sewing these items, please click [HERE](#).

Pass the Peace: Record yourself and/or members of your household saying, "The Peace of the Lord be with you....and also with you" on a phone, laptop, or tablet. Email the video files to shortcut@hfec.org for the recordings to be used in an upcoming Holy Family online worship service video on YouTube (HFECVIDEOS). Record in a place where there is good lighting on your face and little or no background noise. Your videos may include any members of your family, including pets.

Personal Prayer: During this difficult time, Deacon Cathy and Father Bruce are available to pray with individuals or families by text or phone. Please reach out by text first (if possible) to set up a time to pray together.
The Reverend Bruce W. Gray (317) 363-6412
The Reverend Cathy Scott (317) 441-8493

Giving to Holy Family Online: Even though Holy Family is not gathering in person, the work of ministry continues in a wide range of activities. Bills continue to be paid, and therefore giving by parishioners continues to be crucial. Make a contribution via [this link](#), and The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will absorb 100% of the payment processing fee, so every cent you give will go to Holy Family. Other ways to donate are using your online banking, using the giving link on the [parish webpage](#) (which works using PayPal), or mailing a check to the church office. Everyone's support of God's work through Holy Family is needed and very appreciated!

Morning Book Club: The book club plans to [meet via Zoom](#) on Tuesday, June 9th at 2 PM. The current book is *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. An online discussion group has been formed for those who are interested, and may be helpful in forming connections with one another. Please send a request to join the group [HERE](#).

Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and share your experience with online worship with Holy Family. Share how you are spending your worship time, invite someone new to participate, and [send a photo](#) of your household members engaging in worship online to help spread the Good News!

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family hosts a podcast that focuses on the bible readings for each week. Father Bruce and Ben Paden briefly discuss the assigned scriptures. New episodes are released on Tuesdays in preparation for the following Sunday. The podcasts can be found on iTunes and other podcast sources. Share with your friends!

In Case of Emergency: Please contact Fr. Bruce at this number 317-363-6412 via voice or text.

Mulch Sale: Bagged mulch is now on sale to benefit Holy Family and community outreach service projects. Bulk mulch delivery in May is available to your home. You may place orders online [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events:

Graduate Recognition: May 17 9 AM
Youth Group Senior Celebration: May 17 4 PM
Bishop's Online Visit: May 31 10 AM

Prayer List: Linda, Greg, Kinley Mae, Carla, Barb, Laraine

Serving today:

Officiant: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Readers: Sandra Cline, Ruth Everett
Prayers: Scott Wilson

Thanks Be to God

- Marty Blake for taking Bishop Jennifer on PrayerFlight 2020
- All readers and volunteers for Holy Family's worship videos
- Ben Paden for producing Holy Family's worship videos
- Local crafters who are sewing masks for healthcare professionals
- Hospital staff and first responders
- IT professionals who are working to increase connectivity
- Those who work in grocery stores, food service, postal services, and delivery

Parish Budget Update: Holy Family relies on the generosity of Sunday worshippers to support the ministries of the church. If possible, please keep up on your pledge so Holy Family can continue to grow in its ministry. The financial information reflects the church financial reports as of April 30, 2020.

	Actual
Income	\$77,682*
Expense	\$75,582
Difference	\$2,100

* Includes \$13,167 received in 2019 for 2020 pledges.

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