

## EASTER 6 – 17th May 2020 – Holy Communion

### Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us  
from the power of  
darkness  
and brought us into the  
kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his  
death he has recalled us  
to life,  
so by his continual  
presence in us he may  
raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

### FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in  
the midst of Mars' hill,  
and said, Ye men of  
Athens, I perceive that  
in all things ye are too  
superstitious.

<sup>23</sup>For as I passed by,  
and beheld your  
devotions, I found an  
altar with this  
inscription, TO THE  
UNKNOWN GOD. Whom  
therefore ye ignorantly  
worship, him declare I  
unto you.

<sup>24</sup>God that made the  
world and all things  
therein, seeing that he  
is Lord of heaven and  
earth, dwelleth not in  
temples made with  
hands;

<sup>25</sup>Neither is  
worshipped with men's  
hands, as though he  
needed any thing,  
seeing he giveth to all  
life, and breath, and all  
things;

<sup>26</sup>And hath made of  
one blood all nations of  
men for to dwell on all  
the face of the earth,  
and hath determined the  
times before appointed,  
and the bounds of their  
habitation;

<sup>27</sup>That they should  
seek the Lord, if haply  
they might feel after  
him, and find him,  
though he be not far  
from every one of us:

<sup>28</sup>For in him we live,  
and move, and have our  
being; as certain also of  
your own poets have  
said, For we are also his  
offspring.

<sup>29</sup>Forasmuch then as  
we are the offspring of  
God, we ought not to  
think that the Godhead  
is like unto gold, or  
silver, or stone, graven  
by art and man's device.

<sup>30</sup>And the times of this  
ignorance God winked  
at; but now  
commandeth all men  
everywhere to repent:

<sup>31</sup>Because he hath  
appointed a day, in the  
which he will judge the  
world in righteousness  
by that man whom he  
hath ordained; whereof  
he hath given assurance  
unto all men, in that he  
hath raised him from  
the dead.

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>And who is he that  
will harm you, if ye be  
followers of that which is  
good?

<sup>14</sup>But and if ye suffer  
for righteousness' sake,  
happy are ye: and be  
not afraid of their terror,  
neither be troubled;

<sup>15</sup>But sanctify the Lord  
God in your hearts: and  
be ready always to give  
an answer to every man  
that asketh you a  
reason of the hope that  
is in you with meekness  
and fear:

<sup>16</sup>Having a good  
conscience; that,  
whereas they speak evil  
of you, as of evildoers,  
they may be ashamed  
that falsely accuse your  
good conversation in  
Christ.

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<sup>17</sup>For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

<sup>19</sup>By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

<sup>20</sup>Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

<sup>21</sup>The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

<sup>22</sup>Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

**GOSPEL** John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup>If ye love me, keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

<sup>17</sup>Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

<sup>19</sup>Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

<sup>20</sup>At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup>He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.