Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. Stephen Parish
May 8–9, 2021

Prelude: Ave Maria (Maria Parkinson)

Entrance: Alleluia! Love Is Alive (Angrisano/Hart/Manibusan)

People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!
Glory To God: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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.


When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.”

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98 (Luke Mayernik)

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow’r,
his saving pow’r."

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Celtic Mass
Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Gospel: John 15:9–17

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Presentation of the Gifts

**LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to
   earth come down! Fix in us your humble dwelling; All your
   faithful mercies crown. Jesus, source of all compassion,
   Love unbounded, love all pure; Visit us with

2. Come, almighty to deliver; Let us all your
   life receive; Suddenly return and never, Never-
   more your temples leave. Lord, we would be always blessing,
   Serve you as your hosts above, Pray, and praise you

3. Finish then your new creation, Pure and spotless,
   gracious Lord; Let us see your great salvation Perfect-
   ly in you restored. Changed from glory into glory,
   Till in heav’n we take our place, Till we sing be-

1. your salvation, Let your love in us endure.
2. without ceasing, Glory in your precious love.
3. foremost mighty, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Holy: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)


Lamb of God: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

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

Communion Antiphon

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Par-
a-clete, to abide with you for ever, allelujia.

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Communion Song

**UBI CARITAS**

**Refrain:** All

*U-bi ca-ri-tas est ve-ra, est ve-ra: De-us i-bi est,*

**Verses:** Cantor/Choir

1. The love of Christ joins us together.
2. In true communion let us gather.
3. May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacred mercy, for those oppressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a glory and see you face to face, rejoicing with the
4. For those in need make us your care for all now love God in return.
5. May we one day behold your saints of God to sing eternal praise.

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Closing Song: Love Has Come (Matt Maher)

With one voice the angels sing
songs that make creation ring.
Prophets hear and call us to
live in spirit and in truth.

Word of God, enthroned,
dwell in us forevermore.

Love has come to show the way.
Hallelujah, peace be with us.
Love has come to show the way.

Thank you for joining us!
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