

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
9 May A.D. 2010

**The Word of God**

*Please turn your cell phone off completely.*

*Cell phone signals are picked up by the organ, even when your phone has been silenced.*

*Thank you for gathering in silence and reverence, and for respecting the needs of those in prayer and meditation*

**Prelude: "Priere à Notre-Dame"**

**Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)**

**Processional Hymn 191: "Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise"**

**Opening Acclamation**

**8:00 a.m. Gloria**

**10:15 a.m. Gloria S280**

**BCP (Book of Common Prayer) p. 355**

**BCP p. 356**

**Robert Powell**

**The Collect of the Day**

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.

**Psalm: Hymn 538: "God of mercy, God of grace"**

**(based on Psalm 67)**

**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 any more. 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.

### **Sequence Hymn 518: "Christ is made the sure foundation"**

#### **The Gospel: John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

#### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Ronald D. Culmer**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

**Prayers of the People: Form IV**  
**Confession**

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#### **The absolution**

#### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:*       The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*           *And also with you.*

#### **Announcements, Blessings**



Choir As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,  
O fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

Choir As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
and who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, don't cha wanna come down,  
Come on mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

ALL As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,  
O sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

### **Postcommunion prayer**

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### **The Blessing**

### **Recessional Hymn 292: "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"**

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude: "Rigaudon"**

**André Campra (1660-1744)**

*The flowers at the altar are given by Pat and Jack Smith in memory of Kaitlin Patricia Young; and by the Boyd family in honor of Peg and mothers.*

## *The Clarion - News and Events you need to know about*

### **There are 100 pledges totaling \$266,315.**

- 41 pledges increased
- 14 pledges decreased
- 14 new pledges
- 31 pledges unchanged

Please remember to remain current with your pledge because the operating budget is based on the pledged amount from the congregation. If you need to adjust your pledge card due to changing circumstances, please contact the church office. If you have any questions or concerns about your

pledge, please let the church office know so that the appropriate person can talk with you. Thanks for supporting God's work being done through St. Clare's.

**First quarter pledge statements** are available in your file on the south side of the sanctuary. Take yours and save us a stamp. Call the church office with complaints/corrections/compliments.

**Forward Day by Day:** The May-July issue is available on the glass table in the narthex. The \$1 cost can be placed in the box beside them.

**Mothers' Day Brunch:** we're going to honor the women of the church with brunch following the 10:15 service, prepared by our Men Cooking Dangerously. The whole family is invited (but only the ladies are free!). If you are a mother, or if you *know* a mother, or if you *had* a mother, you should be her

**Open Heart Kitchen** serves an ever increasing demand. On May 11, St. Clare's will have a team at the Open Heart Kitchen in Livermore preparing and distributing food during the 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. shift. If you are interested in joining the St. Clare's team on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, please contact Katherine Smith (846-7480). If you are unable to volunteer your hands, can you donate food? OHK serves over 500 meals every day. Donations of bulk items are always appreciated (available at Costco and Smart and Final). A list of the items in greatest demand are on the kiosk. *Until further notice OHK will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 1020 Mocho Street in Livermore.*

**Auction 2010:** Come "Talk With Your Hands" during our annual dinner and auction this Saturday, May 15, here at St. Clare's Church. Doors open at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy an Italian feast, great fellowship and more on May 15. Best of all, your contribution will help support the ministries of St. Clare's! Tickets are free - why don't you have one?

**The May vestry meeting** has been moved to Saturday May 22. The business portion of the meeting will take place at the start of the vestry mid-year retreat.

**Who's graduating?** Contact the church office with pertinent information (you know: name, graduating from, what's next).

**Our mission trip to Mexico** for a one day build is June 25-27. Sign up on the kiosk. You will need a passport, and need to fill out the New Volunteer Profile at [www.corazon.org](http://www.corazon.org). If you want more information, peak with Jim Shiffer (846.8892 or [jim.shiffer@arm.com](mailto:jim.shiffer@arm.com)). If you can't go to Mexico, you can still support the project: be a shareholder. Each \$25 share entitles you to one dinner ticket for the celebration dinner on July 24, at 6 p.m. Buy several shares and bring your friends!

**The Easter season**, commonly called the “Great Fifty Days,” is a traditional time of house blessings. If you would like to arrange for a house blessing, or would like more information so you’d know *why* you might want to have a house blessing, speak with Fr. Ron.

**Finding Nemo: A Journey in God's Love:** VBS swims off July 5-9 from 9 a.m. - noon. Camper registration forms, as well as adult and teen staff applications are on the glass table in the narthex. Deadlines are fast approaching, so get yours in ASAP. We are also looking for wood workers who can fashion some fish for us - patterns will be supplied, but we need one for each camper. Speak with Fr. Ron if you can help!

**Meeting space:** If your group/committee/class is planning to meet at the church, check the online calendar at [www.stclarespleasanton.org](http://www.stclarespleasanton.org), for availability and then contact the office to arrange for meeting space. Even though you may find an open spot, it is possible that you are displacing another group, who will have to move and will displace someone else. It has happened.

**Support for the forward deployed** - Parkview Assisted Living Community has asked for our help supplying personal items for troops deployed to areas of Iraq and Afghanistan where there is not easy access to local base exchanges. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations, and a list of requested items attached (as well as in the September Stillpoint). Parkview will take care of the shipping.

**And more support for the forward deployed** - the preschool is putting together flat rate boxes of items for one particular company in Iraq, and they have asked for the church’s help. A list of suggested items is on the kiosk, and donations for the “Ruby Slippers” box (“there’s no place like home”) may be left in the red boxes in the preschool or in the church office as indicated.

### *Prayer Requests for our brothers and sisters*

**Our members:**

*Pray for those members of our church, our family, our community, and everywhere, looking for employment, and for the economic recovery to make that happen.*

**Ro Bany** and her family, pray for consolation following the death of her father, Bob.

**Paula Tucker**, pray for continued healing following knee surgery.

**Doug Perriera**, pray for healing following surgery.

**Larry Smith**, pray for recovery from surgery and for healing from cancer.

**Jenny and Perry Wallerstein**, pray for consolation following the death of Marcia.

**Steve Pagan**, pray for healing following surgery.

**Peter Jackson**, pray for healing of broken ankle.

**Janice Adachi**, pray for healing.

**Zelma Scott**, pray for healing.

**Milt Bell**, pray for relief from pain and for healing.

**Jack Smith**, pray for healing.

**Angela Gould**, thanksgiving for healing.

**Kimberly White**, pray for rapid healing of torn ligaments.

**Carol Pearce**, pray for healing.

**Continuing in our prayers:**

**Bishop Marc**, our diocesan bishop, pray for healing from cancer.

**Camille Brent**, pray for complete healing.

**Jim Blades**, pray for healing.

**Mel Cruesere**, pray for complete healing.

**Zelma Scott**, pray for strength and healing.

**Joan Harris**, pray for healing.

*All those in the military, and their families; for the forward deployed; for peace*

**Pray for our homebound: Bessie Johnson, Phyllis Williams**

**Families and Friends of Members:**

**Pray for the repose of the soul** of **Bob Ruth**, Ro Bany's father, **Wanda Carlton**, Tracy Brown's aunt, **Marcia Carr**, Jenny and Perry Wallerstein's daughter, *May the souls of the departed, through the tender mercy of God rest in peace, and let Light Perpetual shine upon them.*

Our brothers and sisters in Christ from JooSonGil Presbyterian Church, pray that our relationship will enrich the lives of both our congregations.

**Dixie McGeough**, Amy Swiers' cousin, pray for healing and peace; and for his family, pray for strength and guidance.

**Millie Worden**, Jennifer Loyer's grandmother, pray for healing.

**Jonathan**, Kathy McRice's grandson, pray for continued healing and strength.

**Judy Atterbury**, Tracy Brown's aunt, pray for healing from breast cancer.

**Dorothy Nordendahl**, friend of Barbara & Jim Conway, pray for good outcome of surgery and for healing from breast cancer.

**Michael Wirth**, friend of Katherine Smith, thanksgiving for successful surgery.

**Yvonne Moriarty**, friend of Katherine Smith, thanksgiving for successful tests and for continued healing.

**Gladys Choma**, Jane Ingram's mother, pray for healing.

**Ruth Bell**, Milt's stepmother, pray for healing.

**Jody McNees**, friend of the parish, pray for healing.

**Helen Shepherd**, mother of Margaret Boyer, pray for healing and peace.

**Please remember St. Clare's members in your daily prayers:**

Lori Clinchard-Sepeda, Nayo, Maggie, and Elisbeth

David & Patricia Clock, and Julia

Jim & Barbara Conway

Lori Cooke, and Alexandra

Mel & Karen Creusere

Dawne Crist  
Tom & Denice Cross, Jason, and Megan  
Al & Virginia Crowe, Caitlin, and Callie Mae  
Ron & Diana Culmer, Jonathan, and Joshua  
Brent & Julie Curtis, Rees, and George  
Rich & Alyssa Czyzewski, and Halina  
Mercedes Daggett  
Betty Danska

**Birthdays:** Peggy Sue Kruger, Allison Miller, Damon Decker, Etta Gerber, Edward Chatt, Tanya Mamantov, Terry Whitehouse, Elena Moreno, Alexander Chatt, RJ Stroud, John Baumann, Jason Perez.

**Anniversaries:** David & Heather Howell, Stephen O'Neil & Susan Geissler-O'Neil

**Pray for our preschool:** Meg Bell, director; the staff; Anita, Claire, Debbie, Erica, Erma, Gayli, Nilly, Karen, Linda, Margaret, Nancy, Nichelle, Sue, Debby, Donna, and the Board: David Harris, Tracy Brown, Carol Pendery, Bev Struthers, Julie & Mike Sundstrom, David Huettig, Laura Wharton, and Michelle Lawrie.

**Pray for our diocese:** Commission for the Environment

**Pray for the church around the world:** Pray for the Dioceses Busan, Korea; Chubu, Japan; Clogher, Ireland; Coimbatore, India; Columbia; Colombo, Ceylon; and for the Anglican Church of Korea.