

We welcome you this morning!  
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

**Officiant Rev Chris McCann** **May 22, 2021**

**Opening Hymn** *Hail the day that sees him rise* # 214  
**Collect for Purity** BCP p. 355  
**Gloria** S280  
**Collect** Inserted

*(Please be seated for the readings)*

**First Reading** *Acts of the Apostles [16:9–15]*  
**Psalm** 67  
**Second Reading** *Revelation to John [21:10, 22–22:5]*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia*

**The Holy Gospel** *John [14:23–29]*

**Sermon** The Rev Daniel Gross

**Intercessions** BCP. p. 305

Parish prayer requests.....

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the Diocese, as we engage in the search for our next Bishop
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good .....

•For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing

•For the people of Ukraine, Syria, Yemen

• For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Suzanne, Ginny, Greg, Stellie, Jeannette, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae, Nancy, Karmen, Grace, Kenny, Cathy, Jim, Lindsay, Wendy, Bob, Roger ...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud

• For the Faithful Departed:

### The Peace

**Offertory Hymn** *Rejoice the lord of life ascends* # 222

### Prayer Over The Gifts

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.  
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine

*People: All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Eucharistic Prayer** A BCP p 361

**Sanctus** S130

**Lord's Prayer** S149

### Fraction Sentence

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

**Communion** - *Instrumental music*

*(Please kneel)*

**Prayer after Communion**

BCP p. 366

*(Please stand)*

**Closing Hymn**

*Crown him with many crowns*

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**Chalice Bearer:** Carolyn Schue

**Lectors:** Gary & Kate Witosky

**Organist:** Jean Spangler

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## Today's Readings

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

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### 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*

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles [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 Word of the Lord.*

### Psalm

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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.

### Second Reading

*Revelation to John [21:10, 22–22:5]*

In the spirit he 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. *The Word of the Lord.*

### **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 Gospel of the Lord.*

Join us for knitting Wednesdays at 3:30p in the conference room. All are welcome. Crocheting too. We can teach you if you want to learn.

NEMAC member Church of the Epiphany is hosting a gun buyback from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday June 11 at their location: 21000 Lake Shore Boulevard, Euclid Ohio, a Guns to Garden vigil and blacksmithing demonstration at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon, where guns will be made into plowshares. Volunteers and donations are welcome. Donations provide gift cards to exchange for the weapons. Checks should be made out to “Church of the Epiphany” with “Guns to Gardens” on the memo line.

### **Metro Food Bank Project**

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **June 18, 2022**. Volunteer sign-up online [www.stlukechardon.org](http://www.stlukechardon.org), in food pantry info.