

Sixth Sunday of Easter : May 10, 2025

Psalm 66:8-20

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

**<sup>9</sup>who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>1</sup>

**<sup>1</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;** <sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup>you let people ride over our heads;

**we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

<sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, <sup>14</sup>

**those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

<sup>15</sup>I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. <sup>16</sup>

**Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.**

<sup>17</sup>I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. <sup>18</sup>

**If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**

<sup>19</sup>But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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, <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.' <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>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."

John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>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."