

## First Reading: Acts 17:16–31

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the 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, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually 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 are indeed his offspring.”

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in

righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13–22

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

## Holy Gospel: John 14:15–21

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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Easter

**About the Cover:** God’s hand is always with us. In Christ, we have been adopted into the very family of God. Because we are members of this eternal family, Christ, our Brother, the Son of God raised from the dead, will never leave us as orphans. Through Christ’s work on the cross and His resurrection, our Father in heaven sees us as His sons and daughters. Today, Jesus comes to us through His Word and Sacraments. One day, He will return to raise us and take us to be with Him as part of His eternal family forever.

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**THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(Non-Communion Service TFBF)**  
**MAY 10, 2026**

**Hymn . . . “The Lamb” TFBF #89**  
**Invocation**

**EASTER RESPONSIVE**

This is the day that the Lord has made:

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

The Lord is my strength and my song.

**The Lord has become my salvation.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness;

**I will go through them and praise the Lord.**

I shall not die, but live,

**And declare the works of the Lord.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Confession & Forgiveness – Order D**

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Almighty God, merciful Father:

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment.**

**But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**The Psalm of the Day . . . . . Psalm 98**

**The Collect of the Day & a Mothers’ Day Collect (TFBF p. 111)**

**Scripture Lessons**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Apostles Creed . . . . . p.95**

**Hymn - “God Sent His Son” (Because He Lives) TFBF #93**

**Message**

**Offering**

**Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn . . . . . “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #276**

**Announcements:**

**Next Voters’ meeting is next Sunday (no communion).**

**May 24 – Pentecost Sunday – communion**

**May 31 – Holy Trinity - communion**

## SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Texts \_\_\_\_\_

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Main Ideas / Thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

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I Want to Remember \_\_\_\_\_

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What Response Does God Want? \_\_\_\_\_

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