Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 9am
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

The Liturgy of the Word

Co-officiants
The Rev. Sarah Phelps and Mr. Mawethu Ncaca

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to sing in church just yet, but you can hum a bit or sing in your heart & mind!

Prelude

Aria and Toccata for Organ, 1. Aria
James Biery, composer
John Drymon, organ

Processional Hymn

O Day of radiant gladness
Words: Sts. C. Wordsworth
Music: Es flog ein kleins

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.

This day at the creation the light first had its birth;
this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
this day our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,
and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.

This day, God's people meeting, his Holy Scripture hear;
his living presence greeting, through Bread and Wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,
from grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,
at length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
the Church her voice upraises to thee, blest Three in One.

Opening Sentences

Officiant   Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People    The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer
Gloria S-280
The Hymnal 1982

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant 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.

All are seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (said in unison)  p. 727-728 Book of Common Prayer

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
   for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
   has he won for himself the victory.
3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
   his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
   and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
   with the harp and the voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
   shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
   the lands and those who dwell therein.
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
   and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
    and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson: A reading from the first letter of John

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent
loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his
commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are
not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the
world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and
the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Officiant    The Word of the Lord.
People       Thanks be to God.

All stand as able for

Sequence Hymn
#455, The Hymnal 1982

O Love of God, how strong and true
   eternal and yet ever new;
   uncomprehended and unbought,
   beyond all knowledge and all thought.

   O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
   we read thee in the sky above;
   we read thee in the earth below,
   in seas that swell and streams that flow.

Officiant    The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People       Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you
keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy
may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved 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
do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but
I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my
Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will
last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these
commands so that you may love one another.”

Officiant    The Gospel of the Lord.
People       Praise to you, Lord Christ.
Sequence Hymn Continued

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

All are seated.
The Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Phelps

The Nicene Creed

p. 358 Book of Common Prayer

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form II)

p. 385 Book of Common Prayer

Leader

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Samuel and Anne, our Bishops in the Diocese of North Carolina; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. Silence

I ask your prayers for all who live without knowing where their next meal will come from, for those who lack access to nutritious fruits and vegetables; for our Community Meals program marking one full year of serving weekly meals, and the North East Community Garden creating space for growing food where fresh food is scarce. Pray for abundant life for all. Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; and especially that your healing presence be with: Silence
We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week:

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I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by him. Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed; especially John Eng, family member of Reid Calhoun. Pray for those who have died. Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. Silence

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution p. 360 Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
The Peace
Officiant  The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People  And also with you.

Please practice social distance during the Peace:
Bow or make a peace sign with your hand, send a message
using the “chat” on Zoom, email, or text!

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

During the Offertory, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing
or make your offering online at www.stjohnswf.org/give

Please be seated for
The Offertory  Lift Every Voice & Sing (LEVAS)
#109

What a friend we have in Jesus
Words: J. Scriven
Lift Every Voice & Sing (LEVAS)
Music: C. Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in Prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in Prayer.
In his arms He’ll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

All stand as able for
The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Officiant  Lift up your hearts.
People  We lift them to the Lord.
Officiant  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People  It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Officiant  It is right, and a good and joyful thing....
....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus  spoken
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Officiant continues  
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself…  
….Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All  
Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

The Officiant continues  
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father…  
….All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

Officiant  
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread  
Christ our Passover spoken

Officiant  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion  
Due to pandemic health protocols, only the Communion Host (bread) will be shared.  
If you would like to receive Communion today, our clergy will be available to administer the Host outside the main church doors until 10:45 am. Please wear a mask.
The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)
Officiant  Let us pray.
All  Eternal God, heavenly One, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those unable to participate in-person)
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn

Hymn #400 The Hymnal 1982
All creatures of our God and King
Words: Francis of Assisi
Music: Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures worship God most high, lift up your voice in earth and sky, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day, unfoldest blessings on our way, alleluia, alleluia!
The flow’rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them God’s glory also show, O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And ev’ryone, with tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, alleluia, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, sing praise and cast on God your care, O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!
To God all thanks and praise belong! Join in the everlasting song: O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Dismissal
Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  Nun danket alle Gott

Albert L. Travis, composer
John Drymon, organ

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