

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM The Sixth Sunday of Easter St. John's Episcopal Church May 5, 2024

<u>Families with preschoolers or elementary-aged children:</u> A 'Pew Buddy" (older child or adult) may offer your child a Children's Bulletin and other materials, or invite them to help with the service in some way that may be fun for them.

The more children are actively engaged in worship, the more they feel a part of the community.

Please refrain from applause during worship, but feel free to share your appreciation with our worship leaders after the service if you are so moved!

Prelude

We plow the fields and scatter

Setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

All stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn (9:30 AM) **#291, The Hymnal 1982**

We plow the fields and scatter Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: Wir pflugen

1 We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

- 2 He only is the Maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star; the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. [Refrain]
- 3 We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food: the gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts, but chiefly thou desirest our humble thankful hearts. [Refrain]

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

S-278, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by William Mathias

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant 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**.

Please be seated for the readings.

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

Acts 10:44-48

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (read in unison)

p. 727, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM) **#178, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1-3**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Words: Donald Fishel Music: Alleluia No. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

- Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 He is the King of creation. [Refrain]
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. [**Refrain**]
 - 3 We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. [Refrain]

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

John 15:9-17

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence hymn continued

4 Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Lorraine Ljunggren

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand as able for

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and

all those in need of good news.

Silence

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habits and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety depression, and mental illness, especially, **Beth, Mark, Gabrielle, Mimi, Kathy, George, Rex, David, Kathleen, Charlie, Bill, Don, Kolin, Alfie,** and all others we name to you now...(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence).

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for those in our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Kevin O'Donnell, Erik Larsen, Victoria Polizio, Eric Portante, Taylen Lewis, and Elizabeth McDuffie.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Living God, we remember our beloved who have died... (the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence). God of grace, hear our prayer.

Silence

Celebrant

Eternal God, maker of all things in heaven and earth: Accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

Please be seated

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

The Altar Flowers are given today in the memory of Janet Monteith.

Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

City Called Heaven

Arrangement by Josephine Poelinitz

Cantate

Soloists: Sarah Goodwin, Cliff Rogers, & Camille Stell

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow,
I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone!
Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow.
Trying to make it, make heaven my home.

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn. Oh, I heard of a city, of a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

Please stand as able
The Doxology

(7:45 am—spoken)

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

(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

p 369 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People**It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets

in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and

skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we

turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.

And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the

way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs...

...to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus— **Holy, holy, holy** (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung) **S-128** (front of The Hymnal 1982)

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 Celebrant continues

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit...

...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...

All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

CelebrantAccept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you

and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 trespass 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.

All stand as able

The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem

At 7:45 AM, spoken

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

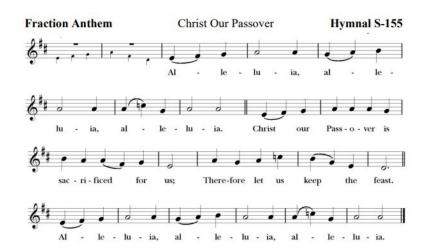
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At 9:30 AM, sung

S-155 (front of Hymnal 1982)

Christ our Passover

Setting by Gerald R. Neal



The Communion of the People

(please sanitize your hands before coming forward)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher. At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

Meditation

Handbell Arrangement by Michael Hellman Bells of St. John's

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (For those worshiping with us remotely at 9:30 AM)

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 Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

The Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) All children here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. The children will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.

The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM) #292, The Hymnal 1982

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

- O Jesus, crowned with all renown, since thou the earth hast trod, thou reignest and by thee come down henceforth the gifts of God.

 Thine is the health and thine the wealth that in our halls abound, and thine the beauty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
- 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be given; all fostering power, all influence sweet, breath from the bounteous heaven. Attemper fair with gentle air the sunshine and the rain, that kindly earth with timely birth may yield her fruits again:

that we may feed the poor aright,
and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angels' sight,
repay thee of thine own:
That we may praise thee all our days,
and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
the Savior's love proclaim.

The Dismissal

Children of the Parish Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Setting by Aaron David Miller

Words: Edward W. Benson

Music: Kingsfold

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