



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: Suite in D

Attributed to Leonardo Vinci

Hymn 376: *Hymn to joy*, “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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 S280

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.

Collect of the Day

BCP 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

Lesson: 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 *Cantate Domino*

BCP 727

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
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.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Epistle: 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.

Hymn 508: *Nova Vita*, “Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

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.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, the People remain standing as able.

Leader

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that you will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be your sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For our families and friends, for the sick, the elderly and those who have died, that all who have asked for our prayers will know your healing power, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Leader and People

Aubrie Aber, the family of Eleanor Angle, Keren and Bless Arthur, Elizabeth Austin, Hunter Babin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, the Brunner and Martin family, Pitter Caswell, Janet W. Cosby, Betty Crasten, Tim Dilsaver, Will Fackler, Karen Harper, Mary Harrison, Ashleigh Blumer Kohlitz, Brenda Lacks, Camille Brunner Martin, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Geoff Sisk, Al Jean Thompson, Ginger Trice, Kay Underwood, Henry Willett, Barbara Willis, Amelie Wilmer, Wayne Wilson, Henry Wright, Cassandra and family, and Paul

The Leader continues.

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: Morning Prayer

Daniel Gawthrop

Thanks be to Thee, Jesus Christ,
who brought'st me up from last night
to the gladsome light of this day.
To win everlasting life for my soul,
through the blood thou didst shed for me.

Praise be to Thee, O God, forever
for the blessings Thou didst bestow on me.
And I beseech Thee to shield me from sin, to shield me from ill,
to sustain me this night, and I low and poor.
O God of the poor,
O Christ of the wounds!
Give me wisdom along with Thy grace.

May the Holy One claim me, and protect me on sea and on land,
and lead me on from step to step to the peace of the everlasting city.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S129

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.

Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, the People remain standing as able.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, James, our patron and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this time, the ushers will indicate when you may come forward to receive the bread while standing at the altar rail in the chancel. Families or household groups are invited to receive together. After consuming the bread at the rail, please exit the chancel through the side door nearest you.

Music at Communion

Anthem: Super Flumina Babylonis Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Super flumina Babylonis illic sedimus et flevimus,
Cum recordaremur Sion.

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept:
When we remembered thee, O Sion.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 455: *Dunedin*, “O Love of God, how strong and true”

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.

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.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world
rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Please allow the ushers to indicate when your row may exit the sanctuary, using the door the right of the pulpit. The offertory plate is available for your offering to God as you exit the sanctuary.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Stuart "Punky" G. Christian, Jr., Margaret "Peggy" R. Christian,
Charles Bennett Molster, and Betty Sanford Molster*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Celebrant: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Deacon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Lector: Jennifer Pollard (9:00 am)

Musicians

Singers: Lisa Edwards Burrs, Heather Jones, Nate Bick, Will Conn

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially Aubrie Aber, the family of Eleanor Angle, Keren and Bless Arthur, Elizabeth Austin, Hunter Babin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, the Brunner and Martin family, Pitter Caswell, Janet W. Cosby, Betty Crasten, Tim Dilsaver, Will Fackler, Karen Harper, Mary Harrison, Ashleigh Blumer Kohlitz, Brenda Lacks, Camille Brunner Martin, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Geoff Sisk, Al Jean Thompson, Ginger Trice, Kay Underwood, Henry Willett, Barbara Willis, Amelie Wilmer, Wayne Wilson, Henry Wright, Cassandra and family, and Paul

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

On this Mother's Day we give thanks for our mothers and for all women who have been mothers and mothering figures, and we give thanks for their many gifts, their sacrifices and their unconditional love. We especially pray for those for whom this day may be painful – whose mothers have died, mothers who have lost children, women who long to be mothers but struggle with infertility or loss, and those who struggle or have painful relationships with their

mothers. May they may feel the power and healing of thy grace and love in their lives.

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Robert Crutcher and William Smith

For our Mission Partners, both domestic and abroad: especially St. Joseph's Family in Haiti, Our Little Roses in Honduras, Hurley Community Development Center in Hurly, Virginia, and St. Christopher's Church in Bluff, Utah

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Jim Hill, III, Peyton Hudson, David Knowles, Jason Konvicka, Taylor Manley, Joel Parker, and Michael West who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Gordon Wallace, Jr.

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Morning Prayer is by the contemporary American composer Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949). Gawthrop studied organ performance and composition at Michigan State University and Brigham Young University. He has been the recipient of over one hundred commissions to write original music. The text is a prayer from “*Carmina Gaedlica*,” a collection of traditional Celtic prayers compiled by Alexander Carmichael.

Super Flumina Babylonis is a setting of Psalm 137 by the 16th-century Italian master Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594). After brief service at the cathedral of his hometown, Palestrina was called to St. Peter's in Rome, where he was soon appointed director of the papal choir. The rest of his life was spent in Rome, composing hundreds of masses and motets that have come to be considered perfect models of sacred music.

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Anthems

[Create for me a clean heart \(John Michael Talbot\).](#)

[I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord \(William Byrd\)](#)

[I heard the voice of Jesus say \(folksong\)](#)

Hark! 'Tis the Savior of Mankind (William Billings)
O thou, in whose presence (arr. Parler/Shaw)
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts (Purcell)
Expectans, expectavi (Charles Wood)
My God, the spring of all my joys (arr. Alice Parker)
Most glorious Lord of life (William Harris)
Lord of the Dance (arr. David Willcocks)

Chants

The Great Litany
Kyrie Pantokratur

Hymns

Hymn 180 He is risen!
Hymn 210 The day of resurrection
Hymn 388 O worship the King
Hymn 414 God my King, thy might confession
Hymn 439 What wondrous love is this, O my soul
Hymn 473 Lift high the cross
Hymn 444 Blest be the God of Israel
Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is
Hymn 707 Take my life and let it be
Hymn 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Virtual Choir Links

Sicut cervus (Palestrina)
Lord, for thy tender mercies sake (Farrant)
If ye love me (Tallis)
Ubi caritas (Gjielo)
In the bleak midwinter (Holst)
We shall walk through the valley in peace (Undine Smith Moore)

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