



**The 6th Sunday of Easter  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II  
The Order of Worship  
May 5, 2024  
10:15 a.m.**

**Voluntary**

*Processional Celebration*  
Youth Bell Choir

Anna Page

**Hymn 195**

Jesus lives!

*Please stand*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Song of Praise S-278** *Glory to God in the Highest* - setting by William Mathias

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**

BCP 225

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

**People Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Please be seated*

### \*The First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

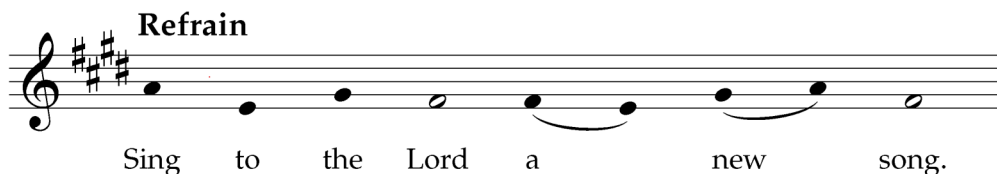
Pew Bible 1273

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



*from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.*

Refrain: Sung by Cantor

Repeated Refrain: Sung by all

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.

REFRAIN

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.

REFRAIN

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.

REFRAIN

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.

REFRAIN

\*\* **The Second Lesson**      1 John 5:1-6

Pew Bible 1383

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.**

*Please stand*

\*\* **Hymn 392**

*Come, we that love the Lord*

**The Gospel**

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

People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 15:9-17

Pew Bible 1254

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."

Celebrant        The Gospel of the Lord.

People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated*

✠✠ **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Celeste Geldreich*

*Please stand*

**The 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: Form VI**

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

***Silence***

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

We pray for Joe our President, Greg our Governor; for our national, state and local government leaders and for this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church around the world especially....For Michael, Andy, Jeff, Hector and Kai our bishops, Bill and Celeste our priests, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation

For those who serve with the armed services, and their families, also we pray for the people of Ukraine.

For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially....Please add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For....Please add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

***Silence***

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially...that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

***Silence***

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People      **And also with you.**

***Please stand***

**Announcements**

**The Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Presentation Hymn**

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

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

BCP 372

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

***Please be seated***

**The Holy Communion**

*Day by day*  
Good Shepherd Choir

Martin How

***Please stand***

**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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

**Sanctus S-128**

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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***The people stand or kneel.***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far

from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

### **Celebrant and People**

BCP 375

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

### *The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

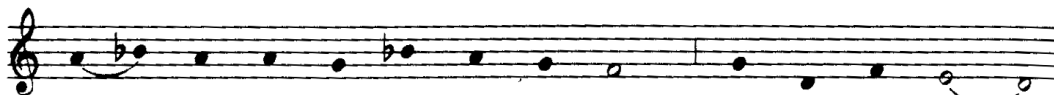
### Celebrant and People

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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### Fraction Anthem: S-151

*(The congregation will repeat the antiphon after the cantor, and where marked R.)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Cantor Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
Therefore let us keep the feast. **R**

**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.

- *All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*
- *After receiving Holy Communion, healing prayers are available in the Chapel.*
- *The congregation is invited to sing the hymns with the choir.*

### Communion Hymn 581

*Where charity and love prevail*

***Please kneel***

### The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**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.

### Lay Eucharistic Visitors Commissioned (if LEVS sent out)

**Celebrant and People** In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.



**Seasonal Blessing**

*Please stand*

**Hymn 657**

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

**The Dismissal**

BCP 366

Celebrant

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

**People**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Voluntary**

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

Paul Manz

# *Worship Schedule*

**Holy Eucharist Rite I Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Celebration Service Sunday 9:15 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II Sunday 10:15 a.m.**

*Also on YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK  
(Child care provided for infants through  
age 4 for all morning services)*

**Holy Eucharist Rite II Sunday 5:00 p.m.**

**Service Wednesday 12 noon**

**Healing Prayer Service in the Chapel**

**We will also have communion every fourth Wednesday.**

**Service Thursdays 5 p.m.**

**Prayers for Peace, Hope & Love  
on YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK**

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