

HOLY SPIRIT
Episcopal
CHURCH

Gulf Shores, Alabama



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

ENTRANCE HYMN

Each little flower that opens (Royal Oak)

Hymnal 405

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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The Celebrant may say

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

The following is sung, all standing as able

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 67

Remain seated.

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- ²Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- ⁷May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and

the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GRADUAL HYMN

When We All Get to Heaven

LEVAS 20

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus, Sing His mer - cy and His grace;
 2. While we walk the pil - grim path-way, Clouds will o - ver - spread the sky;
 3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv - ing ev - 'ry day;
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon His beau - ty we'll be-hold;

1. In the man - sion bright and bless - ed, He'll pre - pare for us a place.
 2. But when trav - 'ling days are o - ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
 3. Just one glimpse of Him in glo - ry Will the toils of life re - pay;
 4. Soon the pearl - y gates will o - pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all get to heav - en, What a

day of re - joic - ing that will be! When we all see

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

All stand as able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus [said to Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Will Lowry

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

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All stand as able.

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

All remain standing as able.

Celebrant: You have promised to come to us and to make your home with us, O Gracious One, and you have sent the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to dwell with us forever: Hear our intercession for your whole creation, as we pray: Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Litanist: You have given Christ's peace to your Church and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us: Let the peoples praise you, O God, that we may spread your light and your healing presence throughout the world. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Guide the nations to walk by the light of your holy city and lead all rulers to bring their glory into your presence, Eternal One: Inspire all who serve in positions of power or authority, that they may be servants of your healing justice. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and you guide all the peoples upon earth: Cast out fear and trouble from all hearts, and lead humanity to the river of the water of life. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia and the victims of shootings in Buffalo and Orange City, California. Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Embolden us with your vision for us that we may speak to others of your goodness and grace and may draw them into your community. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioners Chris and Tyler.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Comfort all in need with the healing leaves of the tree of life as we remember our parishioners Cal, Mike, Norma, Rick, Ellie, Betty, Ann, Al, Fred, Peter, Diane, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Wilson, Karan, Ron, Cyndi, Sammy and the Nelson family, Jan and all on our prayer list.

Hear our thanksgiving and praise for all of your blessings.

Bring into your eternal presence those who have died and write their names into the Lamb's book of life.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Celebrant: You have given us a vision of the holy city where you, O God, will be our temple and our light, and the Lamb will be our lamp: Send your Holy Spirit into our lives that we may live in your love and dwell in your peace until all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

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The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord bless you and keep you

John Rutter

DOXOLOGY

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The People remain standing as able.

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.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as able.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light (Houston)

Hymnal 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Christ for the world we sing (Moscow)*

Hymnal 537

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

Those for whom we pray: Cal Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew, Rick & Ellie Brandon, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Roy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Betty Huechtker, Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Ann Gurney, Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner, Peter Sanchez, Diane Livengood, Norma Black-Glossop, Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Jayne Bemis Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Cindy Howell (Joy Howell), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), Sam Gilfillan (Christine Ashley), Martha Cole (Courtney Gibb Dardis), Bailey Powers (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Kimberly Worthy, Pat Pickett (Rose Johnson), Kevin Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Matt Lawley (Karen Anderson), Logan Davis (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Junior Holeman (Rhonda Barber), Wiley Ashley, Kitty Speed (Bobby & Marilyn Quinn), Bernice Waddell (Bobby & Marilyn Quinn), Bev Williams, Wilson Pierce, Karan Stomps, Chris Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Barbara Monaghan (Rick & Ellie Brandon), Ron Lofaro, Curt Douglas (Courtney Gibb Dardis), Cyndi Hill, Sammy Nelson & family, Jan Waggoner

Prayer List Guidelines: If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the office. Parishioners' names will be said in the Prayers of the People. All others will be added to the Prayer List in the bulletin. Names will be removed from the bulletin list after one month unless we are notified otherwise.

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Dillon Johnson (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD)**, Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Kichler (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USM), Callaway Williamson (USN), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), **Tyler Arthur (ARNG)**

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in May: Jim Matheny (5th), Joy Howell (12th), Joe Barber (16th), Quentin Marsengill (16th), Jay Faulkner (20th), Ann Gurney (20th), Betty Bridges (23rd), David Adams (24th), Robert Bowers (26th), Ralph Harms (28th), Carol Hooten (28th), Judy Jordan (28th)

In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in May: Lee & Dick Reid (21st),
Diane & Buddy Wheeler (25th), Ruth & Dick Vaughan (30th)

In Thanksgiving for Expectant Mothers: Morgan Myers (Courtney Gibb Dardis)

Guest Organist- Daphne Grimsley

Servers

Acolyte-Norah Grace Lowry

Chalice Bearer- David Adams

Lectors- Millie Ericson & Nancy Campbell

Ushers- Steve & Nancy Campbell

Altar Guild-Sara Walker & Fr. Bill Ericson

Flower Guild- Rose Johnson & Sandra Garth Pancerz

Beadle- David Adams

Vestry

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