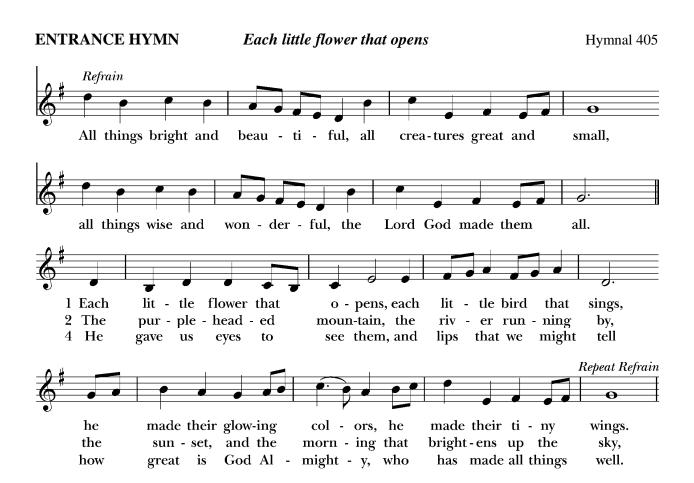


Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



The Word of God OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

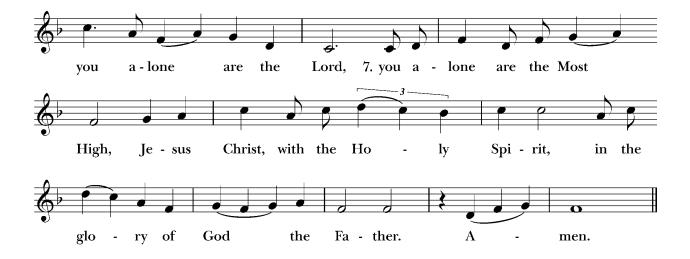
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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd 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*.

Most gracious and gentle God, from the womb of your love you gave birth to all creation, and in your Son Jesus Christ you reveal a loving-kindness that longs to gather up your children under the shadow of your wings: Bless, we pray, all mothers, especially those who nurse and care for children. Give them patience and wisdom. Sustain them in gentleness and grace. Deepen the tenderness of their affections. Affirm them in the nobility of their calling. May our children always find in the embrace of mothers an outward and visible sign of your never-failing love and care. And through the love of our mothers, may we all feel the warmth of your tender mercies and know the constancy of your unconditional love; 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 10:44-48

The people sit.

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.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 98

Remain seated.

Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

³The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

The people sit.

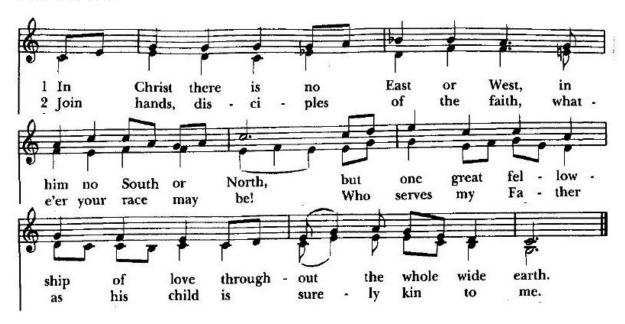
A Reading from First Letter of John.

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.

Silence may follow.

All stand as able.



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Continuing standing as able.

Priest 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Will Lowry

Brief moment of silence to follow.

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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: Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called us his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask of you in Christ's name: Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Litanist: Loving One, your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God: Help us to show our love for you by loving your children and thus fulfilling Christ's command to us. 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.

For God is love;

Sing to the Lord a new song:

for God has done marvelous things.

You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm have you won for yourself the victory: Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Sing to the Lord a new song:

for God has done marvelous things.

All creation witnesses to God's goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment, and grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten. Sing to the Lord a new song;

for God has done marvelous things.

You have taught us to keep your commandments by abiding in your love, O Gracious One: Bless this community with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioners Chris and John. Sing to the Lord a new song;

for God has done marvelous things.

Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer, especially for our parishioners Cal, Mike, Norma, Rose, Rick, Ellie, Betty, Doris, Ann, Al, Fred, Dawn, Peter, Ann, Joy, Diane, Lillian, Norma, Paul, Barbara, Jane, Stillman and all on our prayer list.

Accept our grateful thanksgivings as we lift up our voice, rejoice and sing.

Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world. We entrust to your never failing victory those who have died.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

for God has done marvelous things.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

for God has done marvelous things.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified. Sing to the Lord a new song;

for God has done marvelous things.

Celebrant: Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 359

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 BCP p. 360

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 staying in their places.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY BCP p. 376

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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

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 Celebrant continues

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;

The Celebrant continues

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 all your 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*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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.

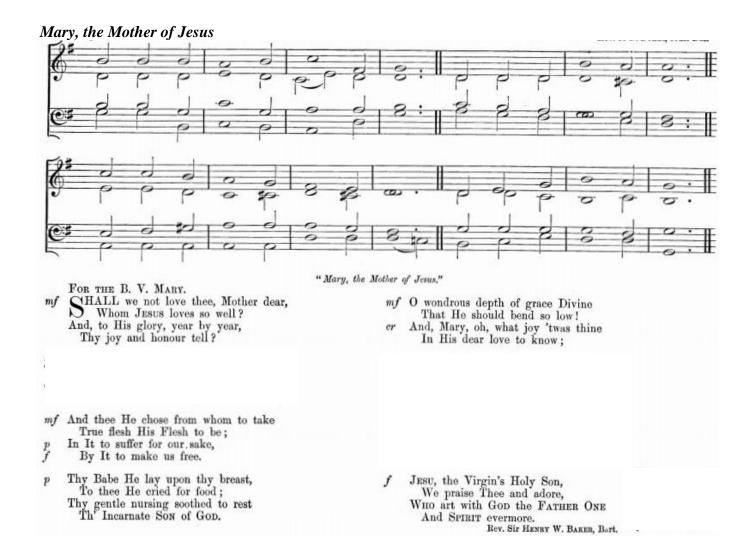
DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the people in their places.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

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





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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*



DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. 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, Rose Johnson, Rick & Ellie Brandon, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Billy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Roy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Betty Huechtker, Betty Thomas (Lillian Bemis), Doris Bryant, Melody Taylor (Lillian Bemis), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Ann Gurney, Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner, Gayle Pierce (John Butterick), Dawn Johnson, Steve Burger (Cyndi & Jim Hill), George Caruso (Stillman Knight), Merle Walters (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Peter Sanchez, Ann Marsengill, Brooke Butterick (John Butterick), Joy Howell, Kurt Porter (Barbara & Paul Smith), Joann Parrish (Rick & Ellie Brandon), Diane Livengood, Alfred Speed (Marilyn & Robert Quinn), Audrey Hughes (Marilyn & Robert Quinn), Gail Fallon (Dick & Lee Reid), Lillian Bemis, Pat Barfield (Christine & Wiley Ashley), Andy & Finley Jones (Lillian Bemis), Angus Carver (Lillian Bemis), Betsy Dean Lipscomb (Lillian Bemis), Norma Black-Glossop, Larry Updike (Joy Howell), Staci Lieferman (James & Shauna Howell), Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Keith Foster & family, Paul & Barbara Smith, Jane Taylor, Jayne Bemis Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Kelly Wallace (Lillian Bemis), Cindy Howell (Joy Howell), Tom Hamet (Laura Pigott), Ann Mercier-Rylee (Laura Pigott), Stillman Knight, Wayne & Alice Villadsen (Rhonda Barber), TK & Nell Harris (Rose Johnson)

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), Joshua Goldsmith (USA), Blake Buskens (USA), Dillon Johnson (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), Chris Miller (GSPD), Joseph Callaway (USN), Jonathan Arthur (USA), Savannah Kichler (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USM), Callaway Williamson (USN), John Butterick (FMVFD), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG)

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