



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Rogation Sunday Holy Eucharist, Rite II
May 5, 2024, 10am

*We are glad that you are here to worship with us today.
Please take the time before the service for silent prayer and meditation.
Let us know more about you by signing the guest book near the front door.
We welcome you to be part of our programs & community life.*

*The service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*



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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude	<i>Prelude in Eb Major</i>	Alexandre Guilmant
Processional Hymn 392 , <i>Come, we that love the Lord</i>		VINEYARD HAVEN
The Easter Acclamation		BCP, p. 355
The Collect for Purity		
Gloria S-278	<i>see Service Music pew card</i>	Mathias
The Collect of the Day		

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

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.

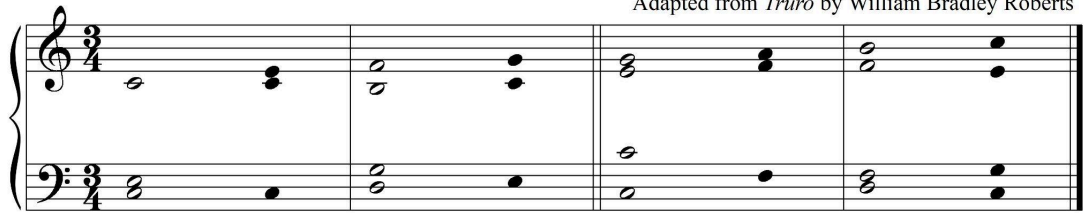
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sung by all. Change notes at the words in bold

Adapted from *Truro* by William Bradley Roberts



- 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.

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

Sequence Hymn 657, *Love divine, all loves excelling*

HYFRYDOL

The Gospel

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

JOHN 15:9-17

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and the People pray responsively

LEM Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops, For the many lay people who serve the church, And serve the world through the church. For those gathered here in worship and prayer. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died: That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Presider O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

*Welcome and Announcements
Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries & Other Milestones*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Make a Joyful Noise

John Helgen

The Doxology, Hymn 380, vs. 3 *see Service Music pew card*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sursum Corda S-120 *see Service Music pew card*

Sanctus S-128 *see Service Music pew card*

Mathias

The Great Amen S-146 *see Service Music pew card*

Robinson

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion.

If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest at the altar rail.

If you need to receive Communion in your pew, please let an usher know.

If you are not receiving today, please come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn 292, *O Jesus, crowned with all renown*

KINGSFOLD

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

The Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn 291, *We plow the field and scatter*

WIR PFLÜGEN

*Please follow the procession to the Memorial Garden,
bringing your service leaflet with you.*

Rogation Procession

The Procession gathers in the Memorial Garden

Officiant

Since ancient times, these days before Ascension Day have been marked as Rogation Days when God's protection and blessing was asked for fields, orchards, farms and gardens. The custom was to process around the geographic boundaries of the parish with prayers and psalms, setting up crosses at particular places of interest. As the borders were walked and property questions arose between neighbors, they were resolved in the context of the Rogation prayers and procession, so that reconciliation became one of the themes of time.

In the sixteenth century the priest and poet Gorge Herbert gave the following good reasons to beat the bounds at Rogationtide:

“As a blessing of God for the fruits of the field; for Justice in the preservation of the bounds; for Charitie, in living, walking and neighbourli accompanied one another, with reconciling of differences at that time, if they be any; and for Mercie, in relieving the poor by a liberal distribution of largess which at that time is or ought be made.”

Remembering all these purposes, let us ask God's blessing on the earth and its people by saying the following canticle – those on the east side of the garden beginning with the first verse and those on the west side responding with the verses in bold:

A Song of Creation

BENEDICITE, OMNIA, OPERA, DOMINI

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

**Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.

**Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.

**Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.

**Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.

**All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons,
that there may be food and drink for all your creatures,

we pray to you, O Lord.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring
forth food and all things needful for your people,

we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your
creation may abound from age to age,

we pray to you, O Lord.

For us and for all people, that we may honor you with our substance,
and, remembering the account which we must one day give, be faithful
stewards of your bounty,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life,
let your blessing + be upon these gardens and grounds and grant that they
may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; that as they grow and bloom,
they may be signs of your goodness and beauty in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn, *All things bright and beautiful*

ROYAL OAK



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



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 Easter Blessing

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of Christ's resurrection.

Alleluia, alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please join us for refreshments & conversation in the Parish Hall following this service.

It's one of the ways we get to know one another and build our community.

Our Ministers Today

Ushers: Roger Kosemepel, Paul Wigg-Maxwell

Lector: Jan Sandberg **Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Webb

Altar Guild: Stephanie Posella, Candy Pecoraro, Mary Pagel

Coffee Hour: For the Earth!

Parish Calendar *Week of May 5*

Monday - Parish Office, 10:30am-6pm

Wednesday - Bible Study, 10:15am on Zoom

Thursday - Parish Office, 9:30am-5:30pm

* Office Angels, 2pm in the Rath House

* Handbell Choir, 6:00pm in the Undercroft

* Ascension Day Evensong, 7:30pm in the Church

* All Saints' Choir, 7:30pm in the Choir Room

Mon-Wed-Fri - Compline (Bedtime Prayers), 9:30pm on Facebook Live

All Saints' Announcements

Easter lasts fifty days, until Pentecost. Keep celebrating!

TODAY: Confirmation Class - 11:45am-1pm in the Rath House.

Fish & Chips Dinner by Argyles of Kearny - **Thursday, May 23**, 5:30-7pm.

This is a great community fund-raiser and “friend-raiser”. We will need lots of help on this - publicity, ticket sales, tickets at the door, baking/desserts, set-up/take-down, serving, packing take-out orders, etc. Please look at the poster in the Narthex and sign up for a role. Then spread the word and invite your friends!

Boy Scout Flower Sale: Last Day Today - Troop 56’s annual sale is being held at the corner of the Valley Mall parking lot in Gillette. They have flats of annuals and hanging baskets. Mark your calendar to buy some beautiful plants and support our local troop!

This Week: Ascension Day Evensong - Thursday, May 9 at 7:30pm. Ascension Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the Church year (see p. 15 of the Book of Common Prayer). We will celebrate this day with Evensong, a 45-minute service of Scripture, canticles, prayers, and choral music. Evensong is part of the beautiful core of the Episcopal/Anglican worship tradition. Come and celebrate with us!

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for Wayne Celeste on his birthday
by Kimberly, Angela, Julia, and Elena.*

Save these Worship Dates in May

Ascension Day, 5/9 (Thursday) - Evensong, 7:30pm

Confirmation, 5/11 (Saturday) at Calvary Church, Summit, 10am

Funeral for Charlotte Davis, 5/18 (Saturday) - 1pm; reception follows in Parish Hall

Pentecost, 5/19 - 8 & 10am; Confirmands will be honored at the 10am service.

Trinity Sunday, 5/26 - 8 & 10am