

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018

# A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



#### WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are glad you are with us! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope you will introduce yourself to the clergy and a greeter and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church. Following the service, you are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in Goodwin Hall.

#### PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Please pick up your name tag from the trays in Goodwin Hall or at the Sigourney Street entrance. If you do not have a name tag, simply fill out a blank and leave it in the basket after the service; a printed name tag will be made for you. We believe it is part of our ministry of hospitality to let people know who we are.

#### **COMMUNION**

If you prefer to receive consecrated grape juice rather than consecrated wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice in the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If for whatever reason you do not wish to receive Communion today, you are invited to receive a blessing from the priest, indicating your desire to do so by crossing your arms over your chest.

#### CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

Children infant-3 years are offered care in the Nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service. Children between the age of 3 years and second grade are welcome to worship in the church and are encouraged to participate in Godly Play when it is in session during the Liturgy of the Word. If children become restless, need to talk or need a break, there is a table along with coloring materials and children's books in the Parents' Room next to the bathrooms in the Narthex (hallway at the Sigourney Street entrance to the church.) Parents are reminded that children should not be allowed to leave the worship area on their own.

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

At the 10:00 a.m. service, those wishing individual prayers are invited to pray with members of our Intercessory Prayer Team stationed in the south aisle.

## **HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES**

If you would like to borrow a hearing assistive device, please speak to an usher.

#### ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

This service uses parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer 1979, and Enriching Our Worship I and music from The Hymnal 1982 and the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal. The prayer book and hymnal may be found on the shelf under the chair directly in front of your seat. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

#### COVER ART

We are grateful to The Rev. George Chien for creating the artwork on the cover.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Choral Louis Vierne

INTROIT: Halleluyan

Traditional Native American

Alleluia!

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #191 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and voices heaven-ward raise

Lux eoi

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

People

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.





#### 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST 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 T. Norris



- 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 him/self 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, re/joice, 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 be/fore the / King, the / Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and / all that is / in it, \* the lands and / those who / dwell there/in.
- 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.

Please be seated. Silence for reflection.

## 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.

If ye love me,

keep my commandments, and I will pray the father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.





GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise t

Praise to you, Lord Christ.





Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Thomas J. Furrer

Silence for reflection

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

All

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 II

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Intercessor

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishops Ian and Laura; for this gathering; for all ministers and for all of God's people. Pray for the Church. *Pause* 

Intercessor

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. Pause

Intercessor

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Pause* 

Intercessor

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Pause* 

Intercessor

I ask your prayers for Louise Vaughan, Olda James, Cassie Pack, and for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We also pray for Mimi and Grandpa, Mary and Bob Morton, Emilie Paine, Joel and Joan Blancaflor and Michelle Blancaflor, in whose loving memory the flowers in the church are offered. I ask your prayers for those who have died. *Pause* 

Intercessor

I invite members of the congregation to offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud:

People

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_\_.

I give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_.

Pause

Intercessor

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Pause* 

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

THE PEACE BCP P. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The people of God greet one another in the name of the risen Christ.

Please be seated for announcements.

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN: #204 Now the green blade riseth

Noel nouvelet

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you.

Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People
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 God thanks and praise.

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Lord.

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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:

**Bless** 

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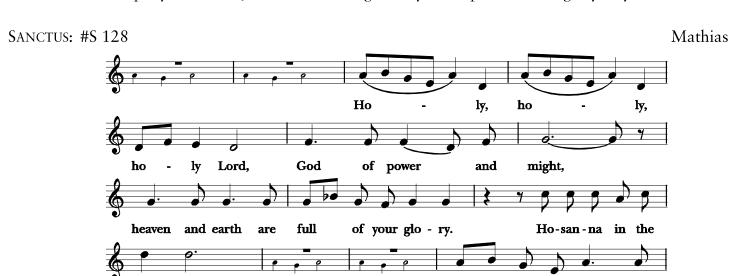
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Please stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant

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 our 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:

All

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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.

All

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP P. 364

Celebrant

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

All

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

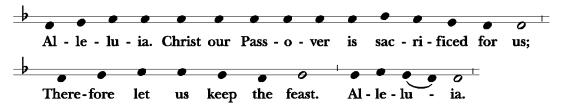
now and for ever. Amen.

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal #S 152

Mason Martens



Celebrant Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

## THE COMMUNION

Please be seated.

If for whatever reason you do not wish to receive communion today, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by the priest, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: LEVAS #151 One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley







Celebrant Let us pray.

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All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #610 Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenhafren

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you this Eastertide and always.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Chaconne Louis Couperin

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Communion Hymn: Title: One Bread, One Body

Words: 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4; Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9

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## OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.

## OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW

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The flowers this morning are offered in loving memory of Mimi and Grandpa, Mary and Bob Morton, Emilie Paine, Joel and Joan Blancaflor and Michelle Blancaflor.



#### + ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Verger

10:00 a.m.: Roy McAlpine

Acolytes:

10:00 a.m.: Leroy Bohlen

Xavion Williams

Justice Black

Altar Guild:

8:00 a.m.: Marion Pereira 10:00 a.m.: Ernestine Weaver

Robin D'Oyen

Flowers:

Jane Harris

Duncaster:

Jim Bradley

Hospitality:

Althea Francis Bertram Francis Walton Foster

Ben Foster
Jennifer Stephens, fruit

Readers & Intercessors:

8:00 a.m.: Kevin Chick, *R* & *I* 10:00 a.m.: Emily Estes, *R* 

Peter Vreeland, R Fred Margeson, I

Ministers of Communion:

8:00 a.m.: Cecelia Timothy 10:00 a.m.: Ben Wyatt

Marcus Clark Advetus Bohlen Clement Mogor Lay Leader Hosts:

Richard Syracuse Steve Zhitnik

Ushers:

10:00 a.m.:Antoinette McCrary Bill Kofalk

Intercessory Prayer Team: 10:00 a.m.:Kitty Peterson Jon Reik

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