

Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

9:30 am

The Prelude *Chorale Chacannoe on Mit Freuden Zart*

setting by James Biery

The Processional Hymn *All creatures of our God and King*

The Hymnal 1982, 400

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

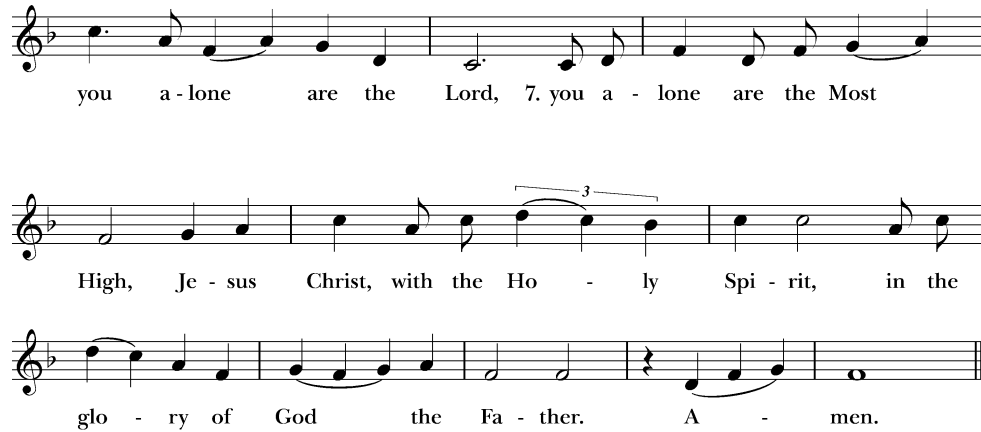
The Celebrant may say

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 Gloria

The 1982 Hymnal, S 280

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,



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The Collect

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 First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

In this reading of the Acts of the Apostles, Peter has gone to visit Cornelius, a Gentile and Roman centurion, and has proclaimed to him the good news of Jesus, that all who believe in Jesus will receive forgiveness of sins. Even as Peter is speaking, the Holy Spirit falls upon the gathered and they extol God and speak in tongues, as had happened to Jewish disciples with the arrival of the Spirit. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter are astounded that the Spirit has fallen impartially also upon the Gentiles, and Peter is persuaded that baptism must be extended to these new believers.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 98, *said responsively by the half-verse*

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

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

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.

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

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

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

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

In this lesson we hear that belief in Jesus as the Christ, together with love of all God's children, form the heart of the Christian faith. To love God means to obey God's commandments, and the essence of commandments is the love of all who are of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Hymn *Earth and all stars*

The Hymnal 1982, 412



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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The Gospel

John 15: 9-17

Then, all standing, as able

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

The Nicene Creed

**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 human.**

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 III

The Book of Common Prayer, page 387

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our bishops Alan and Carol, for our rector Alan for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We remember those on our prayer list: Mary, Christy, Brian, Ryan, Bruce, Nancy, John, Judy, Gary, Mary Joe, Kristen, Bruce, Luke, Laurel and Greg. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Skip J. Guertin by Marilyn J. Galligan.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We pray for the churches of the Concord River Deanery: St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church (Lincoln), St. Paul's Church (Natick), Trinity Chapel (Shirley), St. Mark's Church (Southborough) and for Stevie Wood our acolyte and all Acolytes of the Diocese.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

Concluding Collects

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *Canon of Praise*

W. A. Mozart

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!



The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, page 361

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 God thanks and praise**

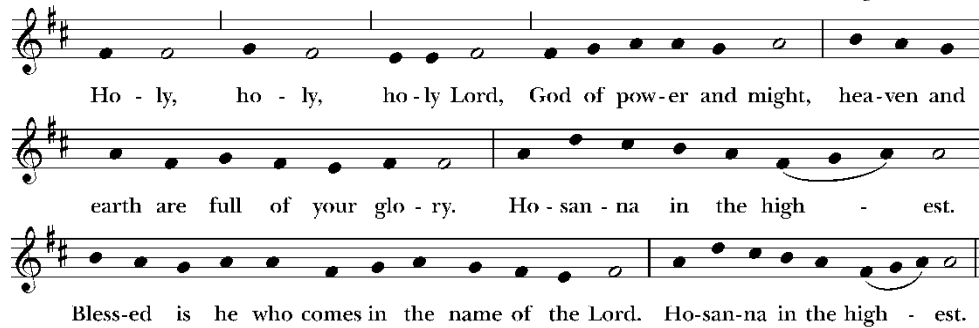
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface 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:

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, 124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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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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:

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.*

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

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 Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, 151

This setting is not used in Lent.

Cantor

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

All

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

Cantor

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.

If you prefer to receive a blessing you may cross your arms across your chest.

If you would like to remain in your seat and receive communion, please let an usher know.

The Communion Hymns *One bread one body*

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 151

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
 one cup of blessing which we bless.
 And we, though many, throughout the earth,
 We are one body in this one Lord.***

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
 woman or man, no more.
 One Lord. **Refrain**
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
 one in the Lord of all.
 One Lord. **Refrain**
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
 gathered to one for all.
 One Lord. **Refrain**

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The Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

Welcome & Announcements

The Closing Hymn *O worship the King*

The Hymnal 1982, 388

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

setting by Michael D. Costello

Liturgical note: The Confession may be omitted during the Easter Season.

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service! Someone can show you the way. Welcome!!!

Serving This Weekend

Lay Eucharistic Min.: **Mary Ames** (5pm); **Alan Miller** (9:30am)
Lectors: **Jann Czarnetzki** (5pm);
Eileen Donaruma & Sylvia Connor (9:30am)
Crucifer: **Stevie Wood**

Musicians: **Misao Koyama** and **Choir**
Altar Guild: **Melissa Abbott, Jann Czarnetzki, & Judy Cohen**
Ushers: **Mary Howe, Bill Mills** and **Tim Orwig**
Sunday School: **Lynn Tozier** and **Susan Sharpe**

Hospitality: **Jeannie Johnson, Melissa Abbott, Dee McLaughlin** and **Kitchen Committee**

The Announcements

Unfortunately Bishop Carol has had to re-schedule her visit to St. John's. While we do not yet have a new date, we look forward to having her celebrate worship with us soon. We will keep you updated.

The Invite, Welcome, Connect group would like to thank all who attended the Baked Potato Bar Fellowship dinner on Friday April 26.

We served 38 people and had a wonderful evening sharing in fellowship and the blessings of God. Thank you to all who donated and helped with the cleaning, Valerie, Steve, Mary, Kathy and Fr. Al.

Fr. Al will be adding a **Wednesday noon weekday service** to the calendar. Start date to be determined.

Quilters Group meets at 1pm on Wednesday, May 8, in the Parish Hall.

Prayer Shawl Group meets at 2pm on Wednesday, May 8, in the Parish House.

Counters are Needed to count the offering, especially after the Sunday service. Having more volunteers for this important internal control function will allow us to rotate responsibility for this task each week. The count is quick and easy to complete, and there are always two (unrelated) people performing the count. Training will be provided. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Celia Bailey-Ochoa.

Bishop Election Update: The Diocesan Transition Committed invites you to of a series of open meetings around the diocese May 7-11, giving the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th bishop diocesan.

The Diocese of Massachusetts has scheduled a series of "Meet and Greets" to give the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th Bishop Diocesan. **Locally**, please join Father Al on **Wednesday, May 8 from 10-11:30am** at **St. Mary's Church**, 3055 Main Street in Barnstable.

You may go to one or more of the listening sessions. To learn more about each candidate, visit www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees.

The meet-and-greet gatherings:

- Tuesday, May 7 at All Saints' Parish, Ashmont in Dorchester, 7-8:30 pm.
- **Wednesday, May 8 at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable, 10-11:30 am.**
- Wednesday, May 8 at St. Thomas's Church in Taunton, 7-8:30 pm.
- Thursday, May 9 at Christ Church in Needham, 2-3:30 pm.
- Friday, May 10 at Christ Church in Andover, 7-8:30 pm. (with childcare)
- Saturday, May 11 on Zoom, 10:30 am-noon (with special Zoom rooms for youth and young adults).

Additionally, there will be a "Coffee & Conversations with Clergy, Postulants and Candidates" session on Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Paul's Church in Dedham.

Information about Zoom access and other details will be posted at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets.

All in the diocesan community are invited to attend, particularly those who are voting members of the to be held on Saturday, May 18 at Trinity Church in Boston. Find information about the preliminary slate of nominees at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees.

The Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 5

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist
9:30am Sunday School in the Undercroft
Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
11am Children's Choir rehearsal

Monday, May 6

10am Al-Anon, the Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 7

11am AA, the Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 8

1pm, Quilter's Group, the Parish Hall
2pm, Prayer Shawl Group, Parish House
7pm - Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, May 9

12noon, AA- Discussion Group, the Parish Hall
6pm, AA, the Undercroft of the Church

Friday, May 10

No scheduled activities

Saturday, May 11

9:30-10:30am AA, the Parish Hall
5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 12

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist,
9:30am Sunday School in the Undercroft
11am Children's Choir rehearsal

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

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