St. David's Episcopal Church The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024, 8 &10 AM



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Hearing Assistance available at the Ushers' Table.

<u>Prelude</u>

Unison or harmony Ι with for 1 come joy to meet Lord, my 2 I come with Chris tians far and near to 3 Christ breaks bread bids each As and us share, 4 And thus with joy meet our Lord. His we bound, we'll 5To geth er met, to geth er 0 0 free, loved, and in der 1 giv awe and won en, 2 find, all fed. the ni are new com - mu as 3 proud di vi sion ends. That love that made us _ 4 al ways is in such friend ship pres ence, near, 5our dif ferent ways, and as his peo ple go Ð call his life laid down for me. 1 to re 2 Christ's bread. ty of love in com - mun ion 3 makes us one. and stran gers now are friends. 4 see, here. bet ter known: we and praise him 5the world, we'll live praise. in and speak his 6

<u>Opening Hymn:</u> I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord(10 AM Only)

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

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**. Gloria -Canticle 13, A Song of Praise





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you
People:	And also with you
Celebrant:	Let us pray, saying together

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.

A Reading from the Book of 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. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people: **Thanks be to God**.

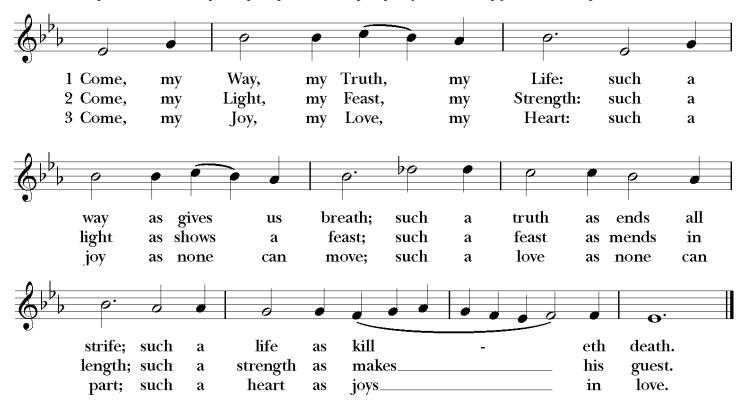
<u>Psalm 98</u>

- 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.

A Reading from 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. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.** Gradual Hymn: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (10 AM only)

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

<u>Sermon</u>

Reverend Andi Taylor

The Nicene Creed

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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.

<u>Prayers of the People for Easter</u> (Lutheran Church of Australia, adapted) People may stand, sit, or kneel.

God of infinite goodness, we pray for your church: In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Igeja Episcopal Anglicana de Brasil. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Churches of the Concord River Deanery: St. Anne's in-the-Fields, Lincoln; St. Paul's, Natick; Trinity Chapel, Shirley; St. Mark's, Southborough; and the Congregations' Acolytes.

We also pray for the election of our next diocesan bishop.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, you bring new life where there is lifelessness.

We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Jesus, our Lord.

Congregation may add thanksgivings aloud or silently.

Your Son met the women in the garden and sent them to proclaim his resurrection to the disciples.

Guide all who love you to know the power of resurrection in their lives.

Your Son revealed himself on the Road to Emmaus through Scripture and the breaking of the bread.

Reveal him to all people through your holy word and sacrament.

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'.

Bring your peace to our communities, our nation, and the world.

Your Son welcomed the stranger, fed the hungry, and healed those who were ill.

Transform us to care for those who suffer or despair.

Congregation may add intercessions aloud or silently.

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping.

Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

Congregation may add intercessions aloud or silently.

Your Son conquered death and opened the gates of eternal life.

Strengthen our faith that you will be with us in the hour of our death and gather us with our loved ones in your eternal joy.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant that all who celebrate this joy-filled Eastertide may one day praise you with all the saints and angels in heaven, through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

<u>The Peace</u> The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon all who celebrate their anniversary this month and grant them your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>Offertory Anthem</u> Come, Christians, Join to Sing (*Bateman, Carr — arr. Young*) Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia, amen Loud praise to Christ our King, alleluia, amen Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice Praise is his gracious choice, alleluia, amen

Come, lift your hearts on high, alleluia, amen Let praises fill the sky, alleluia, amen He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend His love shall never end, alleluia, amen

Praise yet the Lord again, alleluia, amen Life shall not end the strain, alleluia, amen On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore Singing forevermore alleluia, amen

Presentation Hymn: (Said at 8, sung at 10)

All stand as able.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

<u>The Great Thanksgiving</u> (*from Enriching our Worship , Eucharist 1*) Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

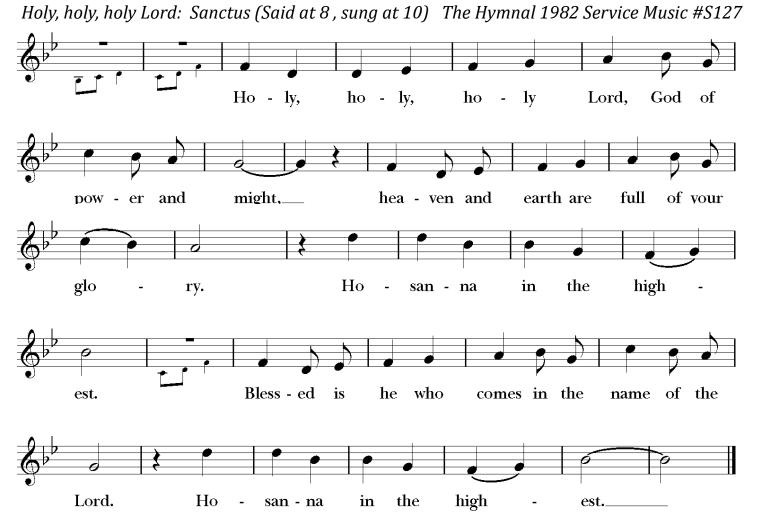
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



People may stand, sit, or kneel.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Virgin Mary, Joseph our Lord's earthly father, David of Wales our patron and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN**.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

<u>The Breaking of the Bread</u> *The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

<u>The Invitation</u> The Gifts of God for the People of God.

St. David's welcomes everyone to participate in communion. All people so moved, please come forward and receive this great feast! Gluten free wafers are available. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

<u>Healing Praver is offered in the Kimber Chapel during Communion.</u>



This week's altar flowers are in memory of Renee Lohman;

beloved spouse, sibling, cousin and friend,

on her second anniversary.

February 5, 1957 - May 5, 2022

Given by Sally Michael, the Lohman and DeWeck Families.



Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: We send you forth, bearing the Gifts of God, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many, are one body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

The Blessing



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

<u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God Alleluia. Alleluia.**