

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* (the 'S' numbers are in the front!) or the red and black *Lift Every Voice* and Sing II which can be found in your pew. The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1. Rhosymedre (Lovely)

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 412: Earth and All Stars

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

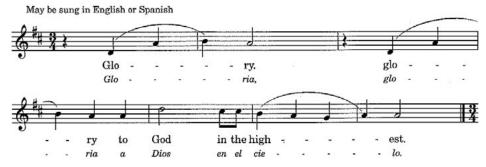
People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no

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.

Gloria: Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips (b. 1961) (10:00 am only)



Choir: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. [Congreg. Refrain]

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. [Congreg. Refrain]

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus, Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Congreg. Refrain]

People (8am only)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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. Amen.

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



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

has he won for him self the victory.

Choir The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

ALL 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.

Choir Shout with joy to the LORD all you lands; *
lift up your voice, re joice, and sing.

ALL Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

Choir With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy be fore the King, the LORD.

ALL Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell there in.

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

ALL In righteousness shall he judge the world *

- and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson: 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.

Sequence Hymn 593: Lord Make us Servants

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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 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

Please stand or kneel

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures. *A brief pause* O God the Creator, you have ordered a time for planting and for harvesting, for rest and growth and work; for sun and rain, for warmth and cold. May we respect and celebrate all times and seasons as part of your creation and the cycle of our lives. Sing to the Lord a new song;

People for God has done marvelous things.

We give you thanks for the members of St. Andrew's Church: for the new members we are formally welcoming today; and for our longtime members whose faithfulness has brought us to this day. May we all find joy and fulfilment serving you in this place in your Son's name. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

We pray for those who are hungry in our community and throughout the world. This world is blessed with enough food of the earth for every person to eat and be satisfied. May our generous support of organizations like Food Gatherers help ensure all people will be fed and nourished. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

Almighty God, guide the nations of the world in the way of justice and truth, and establish among us that peace which passes all understanding. We pray that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

We pray for those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Put your life-giving Spirit within weary bodies, hearts, and minds. Restore those who struggle with broken relationships, personal crisis, or poor health. We hold up to you those on our prayer list and all whose struggles are known to you alone. *Pause* Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

We entrust to your never-failing victory those who have died, remembering especially Woodrow Powers, Josephine G. Ford, and Cynthia Townsend, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for God has done marvelous things.**

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Anthem: *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace; no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Children's Entrance Hymn 292: O Jesus, Crowned with all Renown

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies,

suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory,

reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and

betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your

righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to

fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles,

and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to

proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips



"The Hosanna" may be sung in English or Spanish

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

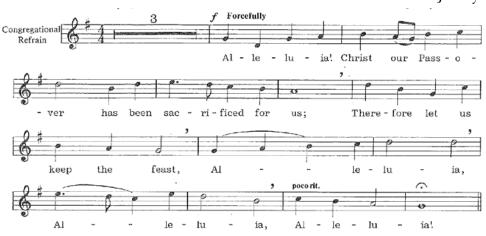
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and
deliver us from evil. 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.

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1942)



Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Anthems:

Lord of All, We Give Thanks

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643), ed. K Lee Scott

The St. Andrew's Junior Choir

Verdant pastures, gentle breezes, waters flowing, Lord of all, we give thanks to thee for thy goodness, for blessings from thy hand, for all blessings from thy Gracious Lord, to thy name we sing praise and bow down; we adore; gracious God, in thy name is our hope; Lord, in thy name is our trust; Lord, in thy name is our strength; now we worship and offer praise to thy name.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The St. Andrew's Junior Choir

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them ev'ry one. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Communion Hymn, LEVAS 151: One Bread, One Body

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Welcoming Liturgy

Presenter I present these people to be welcomed into the community of St. Andrew's Church.

Celebrant Will you continue to participate regularly in this community, attending worship and

contributing to the fulfillment of the church's mission?

Those becoming members respond together, boldly:

I will, with God's help.

The priest asks the congregation:

Will you who witness this new beginning share with these your brothers and sisters what we ourselves have received; the power of prayer, a love for God's word, a desire to follow

the way of Christ, and food for the journey?

People We will, with God's help.

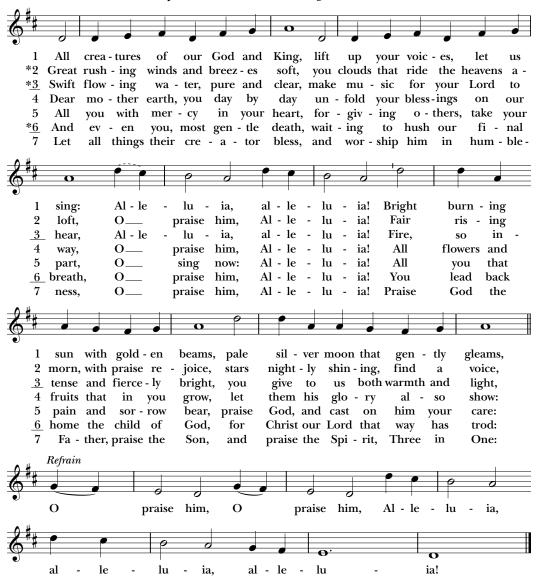
Celebrant In the name of this congregation we welcome you as members, and we pledge to you our

prayers and support. May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfill your ministry, and follow

Christ here and wherever your journey takes you.

The Blessing

Procession out to the Garden, Hymn 400: All Creatures of our God



Blessing of the Garden

Celebrant Blessed be the God of all creation:

People For in your goodness you make all things new.

Celebrant Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give your goodness to all things living: Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world, that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of all creation: Bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. May People their labors produce growth, support pollinators, and increase the richness of the soil. May the beauty of these grounds remind us of our role as stewards of your creation and our duty to care for the earth. Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.