

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 25, 2025



# HOLY EUCHARIST

## RITE II

10:30 **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Allegro  
*Symphony in D, Op. 2, No. 5*

William Boyce

*All stand as able.*

10:30 **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ is made the sure foundation

*Hymnal* 518  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

### WELCOME

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP* 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

10:30 **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *sung by all*

*Hymnal* S-278  
William Matthias

**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

*BCP* 225

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit.*

## FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

*Lector* A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*read by all*

Psalm 67, *inclusive language*

- 1 **O God, be merciful to us and bless us; \***  
**show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**
- 2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, \***  
**your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 **Let the peoples praise you, O God; \***  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \***  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.**
- 5 **Let the peoples praise you, O God; \***  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 **The earth has brought forth its increase; \***  
**may God, our own God, bless us.**
- 7 **O God, give us your blessing; \***  
**may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5

*Lector* A reading from Revelation.

In the spirit, the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

10:30 **SEQUENCE HYMN**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit

LEVAS 120

## GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

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

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People sit.*

## **SERMON**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able.*

## **NICENE CREED**

*BCP 358*

*Celebrant* Let us affirm the faith of the Church, saying the Nicene Creed.

*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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392, adapted

*Reader* Let us pray for the church and the world to God who raised Jesus to new life.

For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister with the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, especially, in the diocesan cycle of prayer, for St. John's Episcopal Church, Howell; and Christ Church, Dearborn.

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our Bishop; for Emily our Rector; for all retired and assisting clergy, for lay leaders, and for all who minister in this congregation and diocese.

**For all who love and serve the Lord.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for Alex Blee & Marisa Sophiea who will be married this afternoon, and for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including *Laura Sanom, Greg Williams, Gina Walker, Mary Brown, Patsy Coleman, Donna Gloff, Karen Henning*, and those we now name.

*(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Larry Abdullah, Pat Ald, Amy, Chris Beck, Miriam Costandi, Fred DeHaven, Jane Dieter, Chuck Dyer, Debbie Faust, Marsha Gibbons, Guy Jackson, Nan Keils, Shabin*, and those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may dwell in the wounded yet risen Body of Christ, in indescribable and glorious joy. We pray especially on this Memorial Day Weekend for all who have given their lives in service to our country, for Colonel Philip Campbell, who died on March 30<sup>th</sup> and whose memorial service is taking place today, and for those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant* Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us.

*All* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The People share signs of Christ's peace, and then are seated.*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

BCP 376

*The Ushers collect offerings, and the Celebrant sets the altar.*

*Please make your offering by placing cash or a check into the offering plate, online at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving), by texting "CCDGIVE" to 73256, or by pointing your phone's camera at this QR code.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## 8:15 AT THE PRESENTATION

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord;  
*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

## 10:30 OFFERTORY SOLO

*All stand as able.*

## 10:30 PRESENTATION HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: but chiefly we are 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:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 to 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.

*All*      **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say  
*All* **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.*

*The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*There are three ways to receive the wine, if desired. At the high altar, please either sip from the first chalice or dip (intinct) your bread into the second, shallow chalice. At the transept, please take a single cup of wine (light-colored) or juice (dark purple) and place your empty cup on the nearby table.*

*Communion is full in one kind alone; that is, wine or juice are optional.*

*If you desire not communion but a blessing instead, please come to the high altar, cross your arms over your chest, and our priest will be honored to pronounce God's blessing upon you.*

## 10:30 COMMUNION SOLO

*All stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 366

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*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.**

## BLESSING

*Celebrant*

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit – be with you now and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

## 10:30 RECESSIONAL HYMN

Almighty Father, strong to save

*Hymnal* 579  
MELITA

## DISMISSAL

*Priest*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## 10:30 ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare from *La Peri*

Paul Dukas

## SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these persons:

*Genet Barthwell, Stacey Becker, Ed Beverly, Dorothy Coleman, Margie Deeb, Susan K. Devereaux, Michelene Dib, Chris Ebling, Judy Fallon, Christine Franklin, Sally Granger, Ronald Griffin, Richard Householder, Patricia Jones, Lauren Keils, Kelly, Eve Laurer, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Ruth Leney-Midkiff, Julia Lenhard, Edna Lock, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeely, Becky Moses Normore, Linda Olivache, Pat, Randy, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Irene Ryke, Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins, Sue Webb-Dickson, John & Donna Wetzal*

## ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the wedding of Marisa Sophiea and Alexander Blee this afternoon.

The artwork on the cover is a woodcut called *Consider the Lilies* by the Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter, a United Church of Christ (UCC) minister who studies the intersections of art, theology, and justice.

About the image, Hochhalter writes, “Jesus reminds us to place ourselves within the context of our natural world. Are we not also part of this miraculous ecosystem where all are cared for when there is balance? Jesus asks us why we would worry about what we wear and what we will eat when we are part of this environment of abundance and beauty ... The shape of the image reminds me of a thumb print—perhaps God’s thumbprint on our Earth! I like the call that asks us to examine our human footprint on our environment.” The image appears in her book *A Challenging Peace in the Life and Stories of Jesus* and calls to mind today’s scriptural references to peace in Revelation and the Gospel of John. It is reprinted here with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License, Vanderbilt University. All music is reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense account #A-725867.

## ASSISTING IN TODAY’S LITURGY

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<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	10:30 Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music &amp; Organist</i> Ms. Lily Belle Czartorski, <i>soprano</i>
<i>Lector</i>	8:15 Jon Miller; 10:30 Seth Lloyd
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	8:15 Jon Miller 10:30 Anthony Mitchell, Jim Treece, Hope Hoffman, Sandy Zull
<i>Vestry Representatives</i>	8:15 Mary Brown; 10:30 Jim Treece
<i>Ushers</i>	10:30 Sonia Charron-Jones, Joshilyn Hoisington
<i>Altar Guild</i>	8:15 Alma Simmons, Letha Ann Steward; 10:30 Jane Forbes, Hope Hoffman
<i>Livestream Team</i>	10:30 Chuck Atwater, Taylor Matthew
<i>Floral Iconographer</i>	Richard Thomas
<i>Breakfast</i>	Betty & Patrick Warner, Letha Ann Steward, Gary MacDonald
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Terry Lloyd, Kathryn Treece