

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 | 10:00AM

The Word of God

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman

ENTRANCE HYMN | *“As Those of Old their First Fruits Brought”*

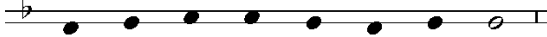
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| *All please stand as able.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

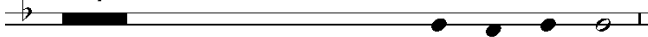
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Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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 | "Pascha Nostrum"

WLP 880

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
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Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

Please stand as able for the psalm. The psalm will be sung in unison by all.

THE PSALM

Psalm 98



- 1 Sing to the LORD a ¹n¹ew ¹song, *
for ¹he has done ¹marvelous ¹things.
- 2 With his ¹right hand and his ¹holy ¹arm *
has he ¹won for him ¹self the ¹victory.
- 3 The LORD has made ¹known his ¹victory; *
his righteousness has he openly ¹shown in the ¹sight of the ¹nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the ¹house of ¹Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the ¹victory ¹of our ¹God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD ¹all you ¹lands; *
lift up your ¹voice, re ¹joice, and ¹sing.
- 6 Sing to the ¹LORD with the ¹harp, *
with the ¹harp and the ¹voice of ¹song.
- 7 With trumpets and the ¹sound of the ¹horn *
shout with joy be ¹fore the ¹King, the ¹LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and ¹all that is ¹in it, *
the lands and ¹those who ¹dwell there ¹in.
- 9 Let the rivers ¹clap their ¹hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he ¹comes to ¹judge the ¹earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he ¹judge the ¹world *
— ¹and the ¹peoples with ¹equity.

Silence may follow.

SECOND READING

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.

Silence may follow.

| *All please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | “O Love that Casts out Fear”

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Deacon: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

THE NICENE CREED

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All please stand as able for the Nicene Creed, spoken by 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

Deacon/Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called us his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask in Christ's name. Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world as we say, "We sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things."

Leader: Your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ. We pray for The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, Trinity Church-Kingman, the Diocese of Western Mexico and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland. Help us to show our love for you, O God, by loving your children and this fulfilling Christ's command to us. We sing to the Lord a new song;

For God has done marvelous things.

You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One. Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue Joe our president, Katie our governor, Corey our mayor and all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion; that they may serve the world in peace and justice. We sing to the Lord a new song;

For God has done marvelous things.

All creation witnesses to God's goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord. Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment. Grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten. We sing to the Lord a new song;

For God has done marvelous things.

You have taught us to keep your commandments by abiding in your love, O God. We pray with love for Luchi & Sam, Tom, Curtis & Cynthia, Lynda & Bill, Lynda, David & Patricia, Tuck and our whole community. Bless us with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. We sing to the Lord a new song;

For God has done marvelous things.

Hear our prayers for our friends and all who suffer; for Carey, Connie, Ellen & Richard, Jessie, Makena, Patricina, the Sorrel family and those we name either silently or aloud. Remember your mercy and faithfulness to them. We sing to the Lord a new song;

For God has done marvelous things.

We entrust to your never-failing victory those who have died. Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world. We sing to the Lord a new song;

For God has done marvelous things.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

SANCTUS | “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

| The people stand or kneel as they are able. 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.

The Celebrant continues... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died,**
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues... 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 RESPONSE

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Wait at the front of the pews until a space is available then approach the rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, put one hand over your cupped hand so that the minister does not give you a regular wafer. If you wish to receive communion in both kinds, you are invited to drink from the common cup or dip your wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Dr. Miriam Hickman

COMMUNION HYMN | *“God is Love, and where True Love Is”*

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SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When home communion for a member of the parish is requested, the following is said:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I 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. Amen.**

The people stand or kneel as able for the Post Communion Prayer.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN | *“Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing”*

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant/Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman

