

Christ in Majesty, Zachary Roesemann, 2008

St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Sixth Sunday of Easter ✠ May 5, 2024

The Holy Eucharist ✠ 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul! We are glad you are worshipping alongside us today. You are welcome here. All of who you are is welcome here.

If you are new to the Episcopal Church, you may wish to note a few things about our worship style. In general, we stand to sing and pray, and to hear the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ. We sit to hear other scripture and to listen to the preacher. You may notice that some people choose, at certain times, to kneel, or to make the sign of the cross on their body, or to bow. You may do any, all, or none of those things. Kneelers are located under the table in the back of the church, should you wish to use one.

CHILDREN are always welcome in the service, as is their wiggling and whispering, and their need to move and explore. There is a children's activity area in the back of the church for use as needed. Sunday School for children aged four through grade five is available between services, beginning around 10:00. There is no formal nursery, but please feel free to explore the space and how it might meet your needs.

You can find most everything you need in this bulletin. The **MUSIC** we sing is found within this bulletin or in the blue *Hymnal 1982* found either on your seat or in the rack under the seat in front of you. Hymn numbers that begin with the letter S are in the front section of the hymnal.

IF YOU ARE NEW to this community and wish to know more about it or to receive our weekly e-mail newsletters, please fill out a green card located on the table in the back of the church and either leave it on the table or hand it to the clergy or an usher. We would love to know you more fully!

Finally, a word about **COMMUNION** (Lord's Supper, Eucharist) – the bread and wine. The table fellowship we experience together is for everyone. Everyone. It is a grace freely given by the one who loves us so very much. And it's for you.

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May 5, 2024
11:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
This service is livestreamed on YouTube

Opening Voluntary: *Praeludium*

Francis Jackson (1979-2022)

The Word of God

All stand and sing

Processional Hymn 412 *Earth and all stars*

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We sing this ancient hymn of praise Gloria in excelsis:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. 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. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day, a short prayer to bring focus to the community's worship:

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *Stillness*

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.

People

We pray together this prayer for our search for a new Director of Music

Everliving and ever-loving God who is found in the still, small voice and in the joyful noise: Be with us as we call a Director of Music and Cathedral Arts, granting that we might find a candidate with the musical ability to inspire our minds and uplift our hearts in worship; Give us patience and faith to entrust this process to your divine guidance, and awareness of the many blessings you continue to give, especially the wonderfully dedicated volunteers who contribute to the musical life of our Cathedral home; in the name of Jesus who teaches us verse after verse of your sacred song. Amen.

Reader

We sit to hear a reading from the Acts of the Apostles

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Acts 10:44-48

People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God. *Stillness follows.*

As a meditation on the reading, the choir sings Psalm 98.

Setting Mark Howe, 2004

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.

Reader

We hear a reading from the New Testament Letters

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

1 John 5:1-6

People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God. *Stillness follows*

All stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for a reading from the life of Jesus.

Hymn In Christ there is no East or West

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be!
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,

but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 Who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words John Oxenham (1852-1941) • Music MC KEE, Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ

Gospeller

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."

John 15:9-17

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of the Lord;
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people remain standing and sing the Gospel response.

Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heaven de - scend ing;
 touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love un - end - ing.

The Sermon *The preacher breaks open the scripture*

The Very Revd Greta Getlein

A short period of stillness follows the Sermon. Then we stand and say together the Nicene Creed, a statement of Christian faith dating from the fourth century.

Celebrant
& People

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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, 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.

We pray for the Church, this nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns and thanksgivings of our community, those who suffer, and those who have died.

Intercessor Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The people may add their own petitions aloud or silently. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.** *We greet those nearest us with a sign of God's peace.*

We sit for a word of welcome and announcements.

After the announcements the Celebrant offers a sentence of encouragement as we consider the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Ushers pass a plate to collect offerings for the work of the Church. Electronic giving is available through our website by scanning the QR code on the yellow announcements sheet. The choir sings an anthem:

*All hail, O true Body, of the blessed Virgin born,
which in anguish to redeem us did'st suffer upon the Cross;
from whose side, when pierced by spear, there came forth both water and blood:*

be to us at our last hour the source of consolation.

O loving, O holy, O Jesu, Son of Mary,

O have mercy upon me. Amen.

Sung in Latin

Words Ave verum Corpus, anon. 14th c. • Music Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The gifts of bread and wine, and the fruits of our labors are brought forward. The Table is set and we sing the Offertory Hymn.

Hymn 577 God is love, and where true love is

We remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

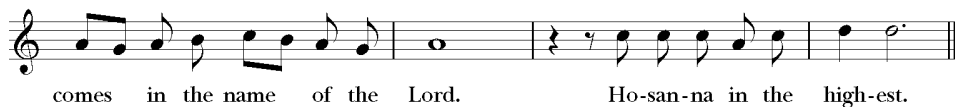
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer, leading to the singing of the Sanctus:

Celebrant Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we should with joy:



Setting William Mathias

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer.

After the words over the bread and wine, all join in the Memorial Acclamation.

Celebrant And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.**

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The celebrant continues with the Prayer which concludes,

Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

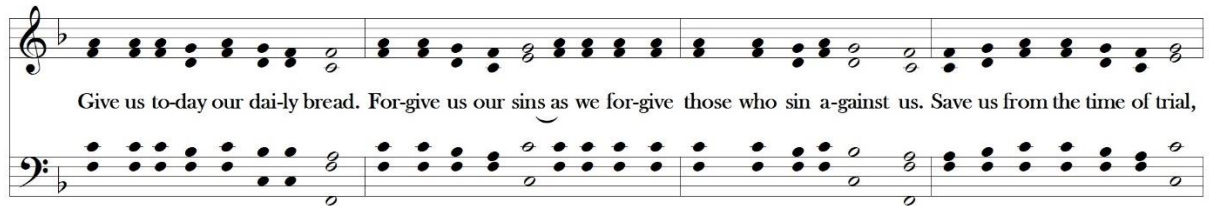
All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

Celebrant

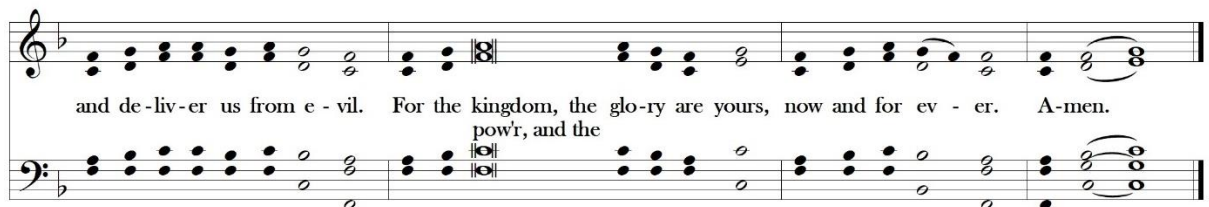
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low'd be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.

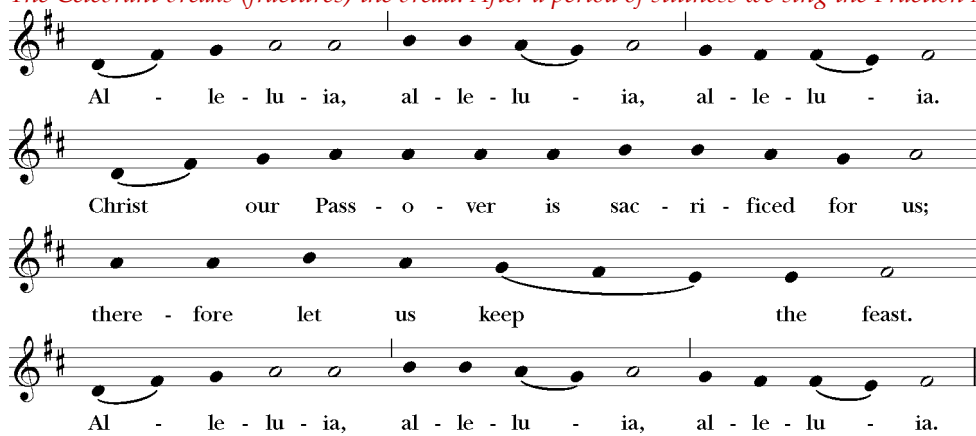


Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A-men.

The Celebrant breaks (fractures) the bread. After a period of stillness we sing the Fraction Anthem:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting David Hurd from *New Plainsong*

The Celebrant invites us to share in the Eucharistic feast; The table fellowship we experience together is for everyone. The bread may be received directly into your hand, one palm crossed over the other. The wine may be taken by sipping from the cup or touching the bread to the cup or by using the small bowl to dip the bread into the wine (this is called intinction). Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate your need at the time you receive Communion. Those who prefer not to receive the sacrament may ask for a blessing, crossing arms, fingertips touching the shoulders.

During the Eucharist we sing this hymn:

Hymn 312 Strengthen for service, Lord

When all have received a period of stillness is observed. Then all stand and sing this hymn

Hymn 194 Jesus lives!

Bread and wine may be given to a member of the congregation to take to those who are sick or shut in.

Celebrant

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

People

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

We remain standing to say this Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant

Let us pray. *Stillness*

Celebrant | God of abundance,
All | **you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

People | *The Celebrant offers a blessing over the People who respond,*
Amen.

Celebrant | *The Celebrant sends us forth with these words:*
**Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The choir and clergy process out. The People may remain and listen to the organ music that follows or may leave quietly, so as not to disturb those who stay to listen.

Closing Voluntary: *Prelude & Fugue in G-Major, BWV 541*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



SERVING IN THE LITURGY TODAY

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<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	Douglas Keilitz		

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