Preparing for the Service

Welcome to a time of quiet reflection in order to prepare for worship.

Focus on the Lord. Pray for your own concerns. Pray for our church. Pray for our world.

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2023 Renewed Ancient Text (BCP 2019)

Opening Song

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

H686

Come Thou fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee prone to wander, Lord I feel it prone to leave the God I love here's my heart oh take and seal it seal it for Thy courts above.

The Acclamation BCP 146

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity BCP 124

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 Summary of the Law BCP 124

We are reminded of the essence of God's commandments for us.

The Kyrie BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.People Christ, have mercy upon us.Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria! by Robert Powell

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 sins 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.

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day

The First Reading Acts 11:19-30 page 920

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33 page 463

The congregation chants the psalm together

- ¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you **righteous!** Praise befits the **upright**.
- ² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

- ³ Sing to Him a new **song**; play skillfully on the strings, with loud **shouts**.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is **upright**, and all His work is done in **faithfulness**.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and **justice**; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the **Lorp**.

- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were **made**, and by the breath of His mouth all their **host**.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a **heap**; He puts the deeps in **storehouses**.

- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the **Lord**; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of **Him**!
- ⁹ For He spoke, and it came to **be**; He commanded, and it stood **firm**.

- ¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to **nothing**;
 - He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.
- Blessed is the nation whose God is the **Lord**, the people whom he has chosen as his **heritage**!

¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; ¹⁴ from where He sits enthroned He looks **out** on all the inhabitants of the earth, ¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

- The king is not saved by his great **army**; a warrior is not delivered by his great **strength**.
- ¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot **rescue**.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, ¹⁹ that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

- Our soul waits for the Lord;
 He is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ For our heart is glad in **Him**, because we trust in His holy **name**.
- ²² Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in You.

The Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21 page 1023

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Song

Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord (H178)

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His Name.

The Gospel Reading John 15:9-17 page 902

Celebrant The Holy Gospel (†) of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeler: Jesus said to His disciples, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them,

People: For to such belongs the kingdom of God.

Gospeler: Let us pray together:

All: Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom so to train them, that they may love all that is true, and pure, and lovely, and of good report, following the example of their Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His Name.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 127

An ancient statement of the core beliefs of the Christian faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.

The Prayers of the People BCP 128

After each bidding:

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant prays closing prayer

The Confession and Absolution of Sin BCP 129-130

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, (†) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words by Percy

Hear the words of Christ our Savior
Come to Me, come to Me
All you weary and heavy laden
I will give you rest.

God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son That whoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life Hear the words of Christ our Savior Come to Me, come to Me. All you weary and heavy laden, I will give you rest.

The Peace BCP 131

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Parents, please pick up your children from Children's Education

Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence

Offertory Song

Knowing You

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All I once held dear built my life upon all this world reveres and wars to own All I once thought gain I have counted loss spent and worthless now compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus knowing You There is no greater joy You're my all, You're the best You're my joy, my righteousness and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more to be found in You and known as Yours to possess by faith what I could not earn all supassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing You, Jesus knowing You There is no greater joy You're my all, You're the best You're my joy, my righteousness and I love You, Lord.

O to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in, Your sufferings to become like You in Your death my Lord so with You to live, and never die.

Knowing You, Jesus knowing You There is no greater joy You're my all, You're the best You're my joy, my righteousness and I love You, Lord.

The Doxology

Doxology (Jimmy Owens)

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Please Stand

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

The Sursum Corda BCP 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest continues the prayer, speaking of one of the many reasons why it is right to give God thanks and praise. The Sanctus setting by Richard Proulx © 1971, 1977, G.I.A.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Unforgetting who God is and what He has done for us, and all of His creation, in and through His Son, Jesus Christ

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer BCP 134

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.

The Fraction BCP 135

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross. Therefore let us keep the feast. People Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei I Will Glory In My Redeemer

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I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree

I will glory in my Redeemer Who crushed the power of sin and death My only Savior before the holy Judge The Lamb Who is my righteousness The Lamb Who is my righteousness

The Ministration of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The priest invites the people to receive communion with an attitude of humble gratitude and faith All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to take Communion. If you are not baptized and are interested in being baptized, let us know.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward, cross your arms, and receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

I Am The Bread Of Life

H336

I am the bread of life
He who comes to Me shall not hunger
he who believes in Me shall not thirst
no one can come to Me
unless the Father draw them.

And I will raise them up and I will raise them up and I will raise them up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world and they who eat of this bread they shall live for ever they shall live for ever.

And I will raise them up and I will raise them up and I will raise them up on the last day.

I am the resurrection I am the life They who believe in Me even if they die they shall live for ever.

And I will raise them up and I will raise them up and I will raise them up on the last day.

Yes Lord, we believe that You, are the Christ, the Son of God Who has come into the world.

And I will raise them up and I will raise them up and I will raise them up on the last day.

Lamb of God

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Your only Son no sin to hide but You have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God O wash me in, His precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified they laughed and scorned Him as He died the humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God O wash me in, His precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died but You have brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God O wash me in His precious blood 'till I am just a lamb of God.

Our Great God

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Please Stand

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.

Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne they raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Hallelu-jah!
Glory be to our great God
Hallelu-jah!
Glory be to our great God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth

Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe sing praises to, the living God Who rules them by His Word. Hallelu-jah!
Glory be to our great God
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Post-Communion Verse

The Celebrant offers a sentence of Scripture from the day's readings, as a reminder that what we have received from the table is the same reality we received from the Word.

Silent Prayer

We take time to open ourselves to any word from the Lord, either for ourselves or for the congregation.

The Post Communion Prayer BCP 137

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

Announcements

We desire to be a church family that forms disciples, lives generously, and shares the love of God in our neighborhoods

Today

Thank you for joining us for worship today! Join us for fellowship after the service.

Ways to Connect

Fellowship Meal - after the service

Small Groups - see schedule in Sermon Notes

'Heckle the Rector' on the the Daily Office
Sunday, May 26

The Blessing

...and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father (†), the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Rise Up Ye Saints of God

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Rise up ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long
Lord bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ! tread where His feet have trod and quickened by the Spirit's power rise up ye saints of God!

The Dismissal BCP 138

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

