

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Opening Voluntary

*Eucharista*

G. Winston Cassler  
*Meditations on a Plainsong Kyrie*

Recessional Hymn

*"Lasst uns erfreuen"*

Hymn 400

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant says*

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 in excelsis

Hymnal S 280

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.

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.**

### **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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 98** *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 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.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## 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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

### Sequence Hymn

*"Kingsfold"*

Hymn 292

1 O Jesus, crowned with all renown,  
since thou the earth hast trod,  
thou reignest and by thee come down  
henceforth the gifts of God.

Thine is the health and thine the weath  
that in our halls abound,  
and thine the beauty and the joy  
with which the years are crowned.

2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat,  
and winds and dews be given;  
all fostering power, all influence sweet,  
breathe from the bounteous heaven.

Attemper fair with gentle air  
the sunshine and the rain,  
that kindly earth with timely birth  
may yield her fruits again:

3 that we may feed the poor aright,  
and, gathering round thy throne,  
here, in the holy angels' sight,  
repay thee of thine own:

That we may praise thee all our days,  
and with the Father's Name,  
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,  
the Saviour's love proclaim.

## John 15:9-17

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Ron Johnson

### 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Rev. Gene Anderson,  
Virginia, Whitten Goodman, Crystal, Margaret Hopper and family and Carol.

*Silence.*

### The Peace, Announcements

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

*People: And also with you.*

### Offertory Anthem

*Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness*

Johann Cruger  
setting Carl Schalk

### The Doxology:

*"Hymn 380 v. 3"*

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who has 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 to the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus (Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 125

*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 people kneel or stand.*

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 for 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*

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior    As our Savior Christ  
Christ has taught us,    has taught us,  
we are bold to say,    we now pray,

## The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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 Bread

Hymnal S 154

*Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

## Communion Chant

*Sing Aloud unto God our strength*

1 Peter 2, Psalm 81

## Communion Hymn

*"Now"*

Hymn 333

Now the silence Now the peace  
Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling Now the plea  
Now the Father's arms in welcome  
Now the hearing Now the power  
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the Body Now the Blood  
Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding Now the songs  
Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit's visitation  
Now the Son's epiphany  
Now the Father's blessing  
Now Now Now

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Let us pray Celebrant and People*

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.

Recessional Hymn

*"Earth and All Stars"*

Hymn 412

1 Earth and all stars,  
loud rushing planets,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
O victory, loud shouting army,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

**Refrain**

He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

2 Hail, wind, and rain,  
loud blowing snowstorms,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees,  
loud rustling dry leaves,  
sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

**Dismissal**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**The Closing Voluntary** *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* Johann Gottfried Walther

We remember in our prayers our Bishop, The Rt. Reverend Mark Bourlakas. Pray today for the People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for May - June 2021: Rice (1 lb. bag)  
For the month of May: Bath Soap, Toilet Paper and Toothpaste. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."

Join us as we will salute all of our graduates, whether from High School, College, or Graduate, Professional, or Adult programs.

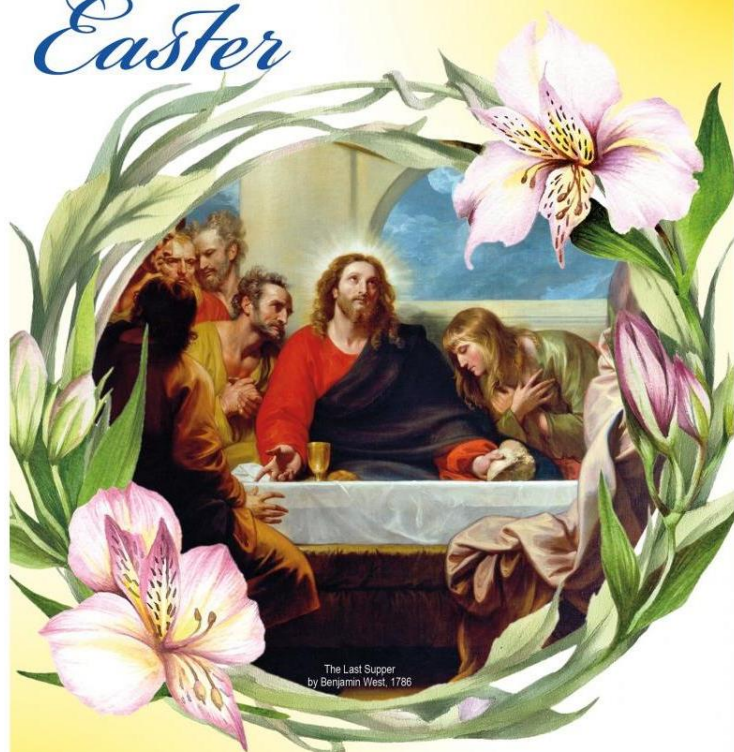
Please send us your recognition and grad's information **by Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>!**

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*We will be thrilled to share your good news!*



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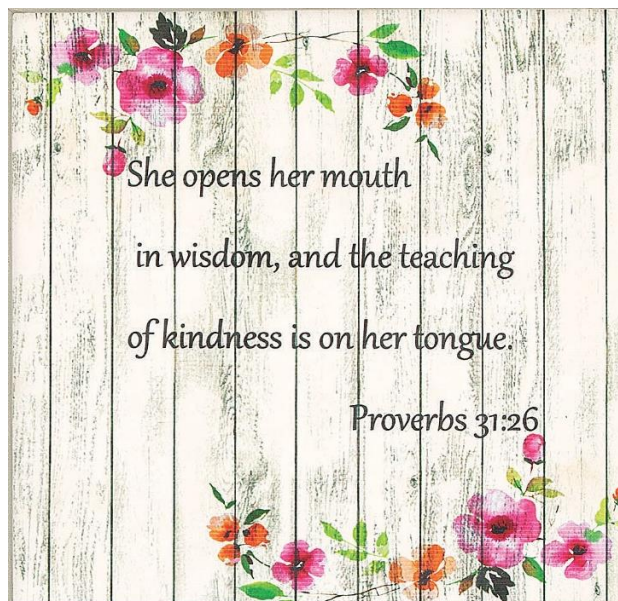


The Last Supper  
by Benjamin West, 1786

"Whoever loves me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we will  
come to him and make our dwelling with him."

John 14:23

*Happy Mother's Day to all mothers  
and grandmothers.*



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