



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist

May 25, 2025

The Entrance

Opening Hymn 410

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria (S280)

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.

The Word of the Lord

Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

The Collect of the Day

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.*

The First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15

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.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 67 (*said responsively by whole verse*)

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

*Let your ways be known upon earth, **
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

*The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.*

May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

John 5:1-9

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Patrick Foster

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

Celebrant: In the name of Christ, let us pray to the God whose care embraces every person in need.

Leader: That the church, your household, O God, may reflect your compassion and hurry to welcome everyone with an embrace of love and a place at the table. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: That all who suffer and grieve may know comfort, justice, peace and restoration. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: That all who are alienated from their families may find the understanding they seek, and the care they need for healing. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That those burdened by hurtful memories or past guilt may come to know your forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our own needs and those of others, especially those for whom we have been asked to pray, Sophia, Jake, Evan, Rachel, Debbie, Stephen, George, Carolyn, Tori, John, Tom, Trish, Justin, Nathan, Andrea, Angela, Liam, Candace, Dennis, Jackie, Susan, Lucy, Diane, Paul, Sue, Austin, Craig, Gary, Robyn, Sam, and Vince.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That we, whose sins have been forgiven, may extend forgiveness to others. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all the departed; that they may know peace in the risen life of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Good and gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon,
hear the prayers we offer;
at your altar give us a foretaste of the joy you have prepared for us
in the paschal banquet of your Son, Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 400 (v. 1-3)

“All Creatures of our God and King”

All are invited to the Lord's Table

In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons, including those from other Christian Churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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:

Celebrant and People

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 stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn Piano Solo

“Caro Mio Ben”

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Parish Notices:

Meditation in Nature! Our Meditation Group will hold their annual Meditation in Nature on Monday, June 2nd at 12pm in Shelton. If you are interested, please talk to Peter Ulisse (meditation leader) or contact the parish office by May 30th.

Altar Guild Help Needed! We are in need of more volunteers on Altar Guild. If you are interested in being a part of this meaningful ministry, please contact Maryanne in the parish office. Our current members will train you, the schedule is on a rotating basis, and the other members of this group will help whenever needed.

Coffee Hour! We are currently taking "reservations" for parishioners to bring goodies to Coffee Hour! Please let Maryanne in the parish office know if you'd like to reserve a Sunday.

Counting Help Needed! We are in need of volunteers to help count on Sundays after the 10am service. Our volunteers are scheduled in a rotating basis – with counting duties about once a month. You do not need any experience for this as your counting counterparts will train you as needed. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office if you'd like more information and/or if you'd like to be added to this group.

Lay Readers Needed! We are hoping to get a few new volunteers to be readers for Sunday services. Readers will read the first and second readings, and lead the psalm and the prayers of the people. If you are interested in being a reader and/or have any questions, please contact Maryanne in the parish office.



Serving at Today's Liturgy

Celebrant: The Rev. L. Kathleen Liles

Deacon: The Rev. Lee Forshaw

Musician: Danny Zelibor

Preacher: Patrick Foster (10:00 o'clock)

Lector: Diane Foster

Altar Guild: Alyson Connole

**UPCOMING SERVICE: June 1st ~ The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist (Spoken) at 9am and Holy Eucharist (with hymns)
at 10am followed by Coffee Hour.**

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