

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 and 10:30 am • May 5, 2024

THE VOLUNTARY: Jesus Christus under Heiland

Dietrich Buxtehude

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 199. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 SONG OF PRAISE

8:30 Gloria in excelsis Deo

BCP 356

10:30 205. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing, vv. 1 and 5

(see pew card)

THE WORD OF GOD**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

8:30 *We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *We will sing the psalm in unison.*

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- 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 there- / in.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 529. In Christ there is no east or west

McKee

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9–17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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. Stephanie Yancy

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 you in Christ's name: Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God: Help us to show our love for you, O God, by loving your children and thus fulfilling Christ's command to us. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for he has done marvelous things.**

You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm have you won for yourself the victory: Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for he 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, and grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for he has done marvelous things.**

In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; St. Christopher's, High Point; St. Mary's, High Point; and St. Matthew's, Hillsborough. We also pray for The Beloved Community at The Trees. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for he has done marvelous things.**

Hear our prayers for our loved ones, and for all who suffer. In our church community, we pray for Alice, Alice, Beth, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Don, Jack, Jan, Jane, Joan, Judy, Karen, Maggie, Marion, Marshall, Maxine, Nancy, Pam, Sherry, Steve. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for he has done marvelous things.**

We pray for our friends, families, and neighbors: Al, Anna, Anthony, Beth, Danielle, Destiny, Evonne, Fran, Gayle, Gemma, Jane, John, John, Kate, Kelvin, Licia, Meredyth, Michelle, Nolan, Pam, Rachel, Roy, Sara, Todd, Trevor, Vivian, and those others we name now. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for he has done marvelous things.**

We entrust to your never-failing victory those who have died, especially Jordan Deans, Ryan Verderber, Paul Mintz, Elsie Campbell, Herb Reichlin, Fran Hoch, Sue West, Loren Kelley. Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world. Sing to the Lord a new song; **for he has done marvelous things.**

Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us, and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

BCP 818

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Come, ye faithful

R. S. Thatcher

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness; 'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal; but today, amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(see pew card)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 367

10:30 S-130, Schubert (see pew card)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Contemporary Version

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 S-164, Schubert (see pew card)

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 211. The whole bright world rejoices

Hilariter

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 FINAL HYMN: 292. O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE VOLUNTARY: Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627

J. S. Bach

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

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YOUR GIVING	\$9,377.00	operating income
Week of April 28	- \$9,927.00	operating expenses (2024 budget)
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	(\$550.00)	net shortfall



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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats
PREACHER	The Rev. Stephanie Yancy
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist and Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Viola Baldwin (8:30) Marcia Perry, Emily Jividen (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dee Wallis (8:30) Rick Burts, Julian McKimmon (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alica Lester-Bodford
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Robin Rhaney
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Rick Burts
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	David Dykes
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	John Oldham

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