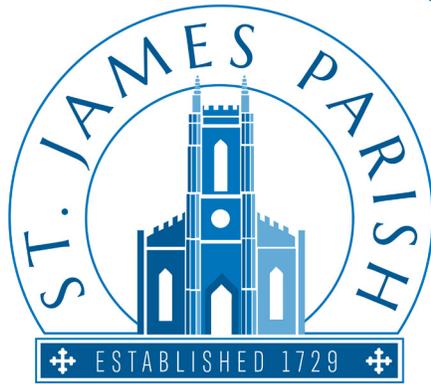


THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 9 MAY 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.



Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise"

Lux eoi

The hymns today will be sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life, and life immortal, on his resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise:
we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the firstfruits of the holy harvestfield,
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

The Word of God

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

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.**

Song of Praise

Allein Gott in der Höh

Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ, whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed upon the cross to save us;
and, as you sit at God's right hand and we for judgment there must stand,
have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation.
You, only, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spirit, you alone
share in the Father's glory.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 Lessons

A reading from Acts (10:44–48)

Commentary:

In Cornelius' household, Peter preached the first sermon in Acts addressed to a gentile audience. As soon as Peter gave his listeners enough information to trust in Jesus Christ they did so and because of their faith, they received the Holy Spirit. The outward evidence that God had given His Spirit to these gentile believers was their sudden ability to speak in other languages and they used their new ability to praise God. Baptism with water was the sign by which these new believers affirmed their identification with Jesus. By pouring out His Spirit on Cornelius' household, God showed that in His sight Jews and gentiles were equal. The only requirement for entrance into the body of believers was, and is, faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

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.

A reading from 1 John (5:1–6)

Commentary:

John wrote that a Christian is defined by faith in Jesus Christ, not by lifestyle, good works, or any other criteria. Although we may have little in common with some Christians, we can love them as members of the same family. Loving other Christians means doing what is best for them, and we love other Christians best when we obey God. God's commands are not oppressive because the Holy Spirit enables our obedience. Jesus is our perfect example of obedience to God and love for neighbor. The totality of Jesus' ministry is symbolically encompassed by the water of His baptism and His blood shed on the cross.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn "O Love of God, how strong and true"

Dunedin

Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:9-17)

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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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Chris Hamby

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.**

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

Risen Lord... **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem:

Thomas Tallis

Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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.

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

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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Communion Hymn:

Halton Holgate

Sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.

In your mercy, Lord, you called me, taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
else this world had still enthralled me, and to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you till by grace you set me free;
for my heart would still refuse you had your love not chosen me.

Now, my heart sets none above you, for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well, that if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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.

The Blessing

Hymn “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

Sicilian Mariners

The hymns today will be sung by appointed singers in the choir loft; the congregation is invited to listen.

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel’s joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Chris Hamby

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Our Message to Visitors

Please know we appreciate so much that you have decided to worship with us today at St. James. Our Mission is to welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor. So no matter where you come from or where you are going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or don't feel today, you are welcome at St. James to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and who wants to have a relationship with you.

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