

The Sixth SUNDAY
of EASTER
May 05, 2013

THE EUCHARIST

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The Gathering of the Community

We gather, greet one another, and prepare for worship.

Organ Prelude: Awake! The Dawn Appears (Steven Scott)

Welcome and opening announcements

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God's grace and peace be with you.

May our hearts be filled with joy.

*We prepare for
worship by taking
a few quiet
moments to
reflect upon the
state of our life
and that of the
world this day.*

Hymn: Glory to God

Common Praise #702

Refrain: **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain.*
2. 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. *Refrain.*

*This ancient hymn
has been sung by
Christian
congregations
since the 2nd or 3rd
Centuries, CE.*

3. 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. *Refrain.*

Opening Prayer (*the congregation remains standing*)

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
blessings beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

*The Opening
Prayer identifies a
theme or themes
heard in today's
service.*

The Proclamation of the Word

*We hear again the Christian story
and respond with our prayers and intentions.*

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

read by Joan Preece

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

*We listen for how
this ancient story
speaks to us
today.*

Psalm 67

Be merciful to us and bless us, O God;
**make your face to shine upon us,
and come to us.**

*Psalms are sacred
poems used in
both Jewish and
Christian worship.*

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 its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;
**let the ends of the earth
stand in awe of our God.**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 *read by Joan Preece*
Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight *CP #244*
(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel Reading, repeat verse 4 after)

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Before the Reading:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Reading:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*We stand for the
Gospel Reading in
special reverence
for the stories of
the life and
teachings of Jesus.*

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith for the Easter Season

Let us declare our faith in the risen Christ, saying:

**Christ died on the cross
in accordance with the scriptures;
he was buried,
and raised to life on the third day,
appearing afterwards to his followers
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

*An Affirmation of
Faith is a public
declaration of
core Christian
beliefs.*

Prayers of the People

led by Anne Brown

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples,
saying to them, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were their hearts glad when they saw their Lord.
God's peace be with you always.
And also with you.

*The "Passing of
the Peace" is a
response to Jesus'
command to love
one another as he
has loved us.*

The people greet one another with a gesture of friendship.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*We give thanks for Christ's sacrificial love
by which we are spiritually fed.*

Hymn: Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

CP #455

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed be God,
by whose power creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose grace we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Symbols of our
daily lives are
offered for God's
blessing - bread
and wine for
communion, and
money for the
ongoing witness
and ministry of
the Church.*

Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks.
By the glory of the resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
you have opened the way to life eternal
and given us hope that where he is
we may also be.

Accept our praises, O God,
as we follow the example of your Son
and obey his command;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us Christ's body and blood.

*"Eucharist" is the
Greek word for
thanksgiving.*

*At the heart of the
Christian story is
Jesus' death for
our sake, which is
recounted here.*

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son.
So now, as the universe resounds with Easter joy,
we join our voices with the choirs of angels
to sing our hymn of praise:

**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 the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Our praises join
those being
offered
continually in the
heavenly realm.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray (*saying*):

**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.**

*The "Lord's
Prayer" is so-
called because the
Gospels record
Jesus teaching this
prayer to his
disciples.*

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

All who love and serve God are welcome to come forward to receive communion, or to receive a blessing in God's name.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
whose peace passes understanding,
strengthen us to do your will
and so become your people of peace,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

A doxology is a prayer of praise, in this case a final one, drawing our worship to a close.

Announcements

Dismissal

May God Almighty,
who raised Jesus from the dead,
strengthen us to walk in faith
and share his risen life.

Let us bless our God. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we are sent out into the world to be witnesses of God's love.

Hymn: Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

CP #210

Organ Postlude: The Trumpet Shall Sound (from 'Messiah')
(G.F. Handel, arr. By Lani Smith)