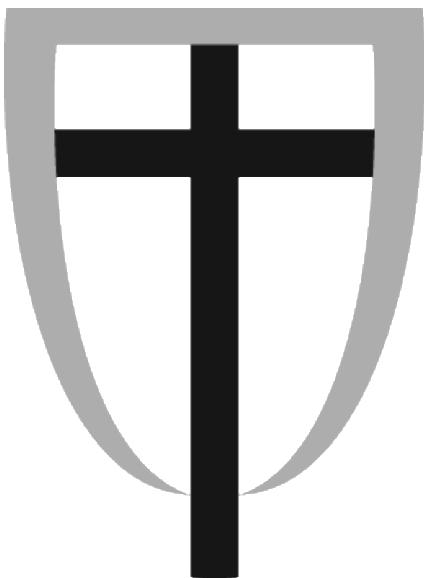


HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9, 2021
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BATON ROUGE, LA



Welcome

Whether you are a first-time visitor or longtime member or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

About the service

An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able, and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. In our worship, we use three printed tools: this leaflet, which outlines the service, the red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), and the blue *Hymnal 1982*. While we are unable to engage in congregational singing at this time, today's hymns can be found in the hymnal. Our hymns are a treasure trove of deep theological thought, spiritual vocabulary, and timeless inspiration. We encourage you to find each hymn and follow along as they are offered on your behalf by the choir.

Voluntary

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 204, *Now the green blade riseth* *Noël nouvelet*
The people stand for the procession

Opening 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 *Gloria in excelsis* *New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)*

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 people are seated for the lessons

The First Reading *Acts 10:44-48*

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

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

The Psalm *Psalm 98*

George A. Macfarren

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.

The Second Reading *1 John 5:1-6*

Lector A Reading from the first epistle of John.

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.

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

Sequence Hymn *490, I want to walk as a child of the light*

Houston

The people stand

The Gospel *John 15:9-17*

Preacher 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.”

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *The Rev. Don White*

The people are seated

The Nicene Creed

The people stand

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 *Form VI*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Morris, our Bishop; Robert, our
Bishop-in-Residence; Chris, Drew, and Don our priests; Pat, our
deacon; Annie, our seminarian; and all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Michel,
Helene, Pat, B., Terrell, Rosalyn, and all on our prayer list. *Silence*
Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially Cissy and Aileen, that they
may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offertory Hymn 413, *New songs of celebration render*

Rendez à Dieu

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people stand

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...

...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:

Sanctus *Plainsong, Mass 18 Sung by the choir at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. and spoken by all at 5 p.m.*

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 may stand or kneel

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;...

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;...

...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.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 that 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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Pascha Nostrum

Missa Orbis Factor

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

Invitation to Communion

Music at Communion *Give almes of thy goods* Christopher Tye (c.1505-1573)

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people may kneel or stand

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

Closing Hymn 594, *God of grace and God of glory*

Cwm Rhondda

The people stand for the procession

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Voluntary

Today we welcome guest organist, Dan Talbot.

Today's flowers are given to the great glory of God and in thanksgiving for the people of St. James.

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