



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II MAY 9, 2021 10:00 AM

**Voluntary**

*Concerto in B flat major, K. 191: I. Allegro*  
Payne Busé, bassoon

W. A. Mozart

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Entrance Hymn 392, vv. 1-2**

*Come, we that love the Lord*

Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne.

*Refrain:* Hosanna, hosanna!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Let those refuse to sing  
that never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad. (*Refrain*)

### **The Opening Acclamation**

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

### **The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* 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 First Reading 1 John 5:1-6** *(Seated)*

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 577, vv.1-2**

*God is love, and where true love is*

*Refrain:* God is love, and where true love is God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.

Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.

Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.

Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. *(Refrain)*

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,

let there be in us no discord but one spirit.

Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.

Christ, our God, be always present here among us. *(Refrain)*

### **The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* 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."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Children's Homily**

#### **The Sermon** *(Seated)*

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon

#### **The Prayers of the People** *(Standing)*

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and John, our mayor. For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missionary; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest;

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

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, Ann Macmillan, Lila Poston, Penny Hughes, Alvin Lee, Ruth Kohler, La'Trelle Smart, Betzi Welch, Martha Ray Brooks, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic..

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest. Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

Remembering our mothers and all who have nurtured us, we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

We pray for all who have died, remembering Beatriz Graham, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Priest concludes with a Collect.*

**The Peace** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. During the exchange of the Peace, we ask that people show signs of peace that do not involve physical contact.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis

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**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A** (*Standing*)

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:

**Sanctus S 125**

*Holy, holy, holy*

Richard Proulx

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. 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:

*Priest 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:

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(Said by 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

### **Communion Music**

*Sonata: Leicht bewegt*

Paul Hindemith

### **Hymn 593** *(Sung by the choir)*

### **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by all)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*People:* 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**

#### **Closing Hymn 705, vv. 1-2**

*As those of old their first fruits brought*

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering to God that all may live;  
the Church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

### **The Dismissal**

*Priest:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Voluntary**

*Allegro in G minor*

C. V. Stanford

## Flower Dedications

*In honor of Ron Davis's birthday, by Jean, Mary Margaret, John, Kate, Charlie, and Nicholas*

*In loving memory of Charles & Florida Hopkins and Gordon & Laura Hopkins Long, by John and Teresa Dean*

*In memory of Stan Haines on his birthday, by Mary Bruce Edmonds*

*In memory of Stan Haines and Jack Haines, by Helen Haines*

