

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:30 am

(The words to the hymns are printed at the end of the bulletin.)

Prelude: *ITALIAN HYMN*

(Paul Taylor)

Opening Hymn **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #561**
Christ for the World! We Sing

Welcome by the Rev. Dr. Julia Dempz

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant:

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.**

Gloria **The Hymnal 1982 # S280**
Glory to God – Canticle 20

**Glory to god in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

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

**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.**

**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.**

Glory to God in the highest; Composer: Robert Powell, (1932)

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.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 98

- 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.

**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

Intercessor: Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Intercessor Loving God, we praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country. We pray especially for our President, our Governor, and our Mayor.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, sick or grieving, especially (_____) ...

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Bless your Church as we share Jesus in the Eucharist. We pray especially for Bishop Bonnie, Rev. Sarah, Rev. Melissa, Rev. Jadon, Rev. Julia, and our Vestry.

People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts and strengthen their faith in your goodness.
People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying and lead them to life with you forever.
People **Risen Savior: Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements:

There will be a break from Christian Education Zoom groups for this evening. Enjoy Mother's Day with your family, and we will see you next week for our last Zoom before we break for summer.

Thanks to all who are helping make this worship happen and thank you all for being here!

The Peace

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

Meditation: *ITALIAN HYMN*

Roy Brunner (1945-)

The Holy Communion

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

**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: *(all say)*

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant,

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.

Opening Hymn: #461

Christ for the World! We Sing

1 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal--
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sinsick and sorrow-worn,
for Christ to heal.

2 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer--
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

3 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with one accord--
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song--
the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Words: *Samuel Wolcott, 1813-1886*

Music: *ITALIAN HYMN; Felice de Gardini, 1716-1796*

Communion Hymn: #695

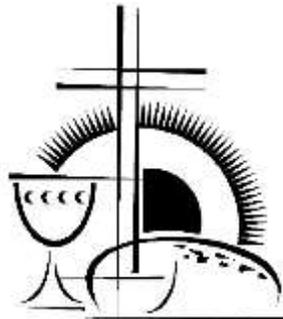
As We Gather At Your Table

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Words: *Carl P. Daw, Jr. 1944-*
Music: *BEACH SPRING; B. F. White, 1800-1879*



Closing Hymn: #447

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

Words & Music: *William J. Gaither, 1936-*

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