

CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Pastorale

César Franck

Please stand at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

HYMN 392: Come, we that love the Lord

Vineyard Haven

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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 IN EXCELSIS - *Please see insert.*

Franz Schubert

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 FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

PAUL stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of

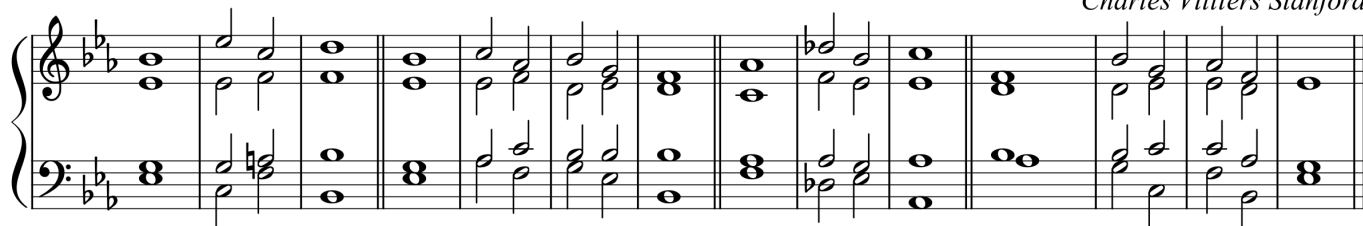
their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18 (*sung by all*)

Charles Villiers Stanford



7 Bless our | God · you | peoples; *
 make the | voice of · his | praise · to be | heard;

8 Who holds our | souls · in | life, *
 and will not allow · our | feet · to | slip.

9 For you O | God · have | proved us; *
 you have tried us | just · as | silver · is | tried.

10 You brought us | into · the | snare; *
 you laid heavy | burdens · ulpon · our | backs.

(*2nd part*) 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire · and | water; *
 but you brought us out | into · a | place of · refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will | pay you · my | vows, *
 which I promised with my lips and spoke
 with my | mouth · when | I was · in | trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke · of | rams; *
 I will | give · you | oxen · and | goats.

14 Come and listen all | you who · fear | God, *
 and I will | tell · you | what he · has | done for me.

15 I called out to | him with · my | mouth, *
 and his | praise · was | on · my | tongue.

16 If I had found | evil · in my | heart, *
the | Lord · would | not · have | heard me;
17 But in truth | God · has | heard me; *
he has attended to the | voice | of · my | prayer.
(2nd part) 18 Blessed be God who has not rejected · my | prayer, *
nor withheld · his | love · from | me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-20

NOW who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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HYMN 405: All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

JESUS said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my

Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Duprey

THE NICENE CREED *(said by all, standing)*

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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 III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may offer their own prayers and intercessions, silently or aloud. The Priest adds the concluding prayers and Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence may be kept.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear.

Harold Darke

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return, Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

-Charles Wesley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

from Enriching our Worship

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 130

Franz Schubert

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues...

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be
honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S 164

Franz Schubert

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Kyrie, from Messe cum júbilo

Maurice Duruflé

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HYMN 400, VV. 1, 4, 5, 7: All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

POSTLUDE: Toccata

Eugène Gigout

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or Bf Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Merchant's Hope, Prince George.

We pray for those who are facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:

Caroline Ballard, Clay Gordley, Cy Grandy, Bishop Susan Haynes, Mollie Lundie, Stan Mason, Cami Perez, Tommi Perez, and Pat Riddle. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Sudan.

For the Repose of the Souls of: Tom Dubach and Trudie Lamp

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carolyn Baker, Carter Bernert, Tom Bolt, Nancy Branch, Marilyn Gindroz, Cy Grandy, Bernie Ham, Patsy Johnson, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Bahman Massoud, Bill McAree, Mary Helen McCoy, Steve McCoy, Pat Rueppel, Alex Rutecki, Mark Sayers, Gwendolyn Sinclair, Janice Strange, William Swan, Ellie Weeks, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Catherine Blackwood, Eleanora Woloy Brown, Buddy Cline, Sally Corliss, Elizabeth, Ethelene, Beatrice C. Ferrario, Ginny Foot, Bea Greenlaw, Sadie Jane Hogan, Judy Holt, Tom Jenkins, Lillian Kenison, James Kilavey, Joe McQuown, Ed Muth, Stefan Perry, Jason Primm, Dennis Provost, Mavis Stapleford, and Martha Valciukas.

This week's Birthdays: May 15 – 21

Judie Belka, Larry Bernert, Betty Blasch, Blakely Byrum, Jennifer Carson, Didi Granger, Chris Hale, Hunter Lee, Elizabeth Magee, Lis Ryan, Sam Roady, Kimberly Roddy, Sunny Sonner, Johnathan Taylor, Irene Wenger.

This week's Anniversaries: May 15 – 21

Janet & Tom Grant, Andria & Mike McClellan, Damon & Elizabeth Riley, Ann & Rick Voight.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lewis Robinson, Martha Robinson Seawell, Mary Lewis Seawell Smith, and in celebration of the marriage of Maria Tyler Davenport and Michael Joseph Hickey.

