

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024, 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: Chant de Mai

Joseph Jongen

Please stand at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

HYMN 593: Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

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: Hymnal S 280

Robert Powell

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 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.**

ANTHEM: This is the Day

Natalie Sleeth

Sung by the Cherub Choir

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 292: O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

THE GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Katie Beth Miksa

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(please kneel)*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Lord is my Shepherd

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

-Psalm 23

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

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: Hymnal S 129

Robert Powell

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

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

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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.**

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Portsmouth and St. John's, Portsmouth.

For the Repose of the Soul: James Kantner.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Greg Deutsch, Jonathan Glasser, Neil Grant, Stephanie Harris, Sydney Kelsey, Chris Kline, Brandon Kyle, Mary Kate Peene, Stefan Perry, Fred Quist, Stephen Richards, III, and Gwendolyn Sinclair. We pray for the safety of those who are deployed, Lt. Howard Acosta and Lt. Michael Ortiz. We pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace in the Holy Land.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Caroline Ballard, Jane Batten, Carter Bernert, Tom Bolt, David Clark, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Evelyn Green, Bernie Ham, Matt Hickman, Dean Kershaw, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Bahmann Massoud, Bill McAree, Ceil McCoid, Leon Parham, Libby Pidgeon, Andrew Prescott, Jessie Schneider, Susan Schrodt, Leonard Strider, William Swan, Rivers Thompson, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Abbey Brassfield, Eleanora Woloy Brown, Ellen Coffman, Elizabeth, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, Judy Holt, Tom Jenkins, Georgia Kenison, Lillian Kenison, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, B.J. Norden, Lisa Palmer, Jason Primm, Dennis Provost, Jeff Scheumann, Mavis Stapleford, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's birthdays: May 6 – 12

Chad Ballard, Sarah Faber Cantanese, Diane Durica, Kim Harriss, John Horn, Anne Lankford, Cameron Poynter, Fiona Schneider, and Virginia Thumm.

This week's anniversaries May 6 – 12

Paula & Scott Faivre and Jim & Nancy Fulton.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC & LITURGY

Contemplative Eucharist – Sunday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.

Join us on THIS EVENING, May 5, 5:30 p.m. for a special contemplative Eucharist in the Chapel. We will slow down the pace of our normal services, leaving space for quiet and reflection in the midst of our worship and using language and prayers meant to help us embrace the mystery of God. And we will revel together in the music by the incredible harpist Barbara Chapman.

Ascension Day Hymn Festival - Thursday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

God is gone up! Our annual Ascension Day Hymn Festival is sung by the combined choirs of St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Christ & St. Luke's. Dale Adelman, guest conductor, Canon for Music at St. Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta. Free-will offering.

FORMATION

A New Look at the "Old" Testament with Rabbi Dr. Michael Panitz – Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

We are accustomed to seeing the Bible as "a product"—a set of texts coming, ultimately, from our encounter with Divinity. In this series, we intentionally employ a different lens. We will look at the Bible as "a process" and focus on the intersection of religious sentiment and lived historical experience in the centuries when the Hebrew Bible took shape. Our goal is to gain fresh insight into the Bible and, therefore, into its meaning for our lives. This six-week exploration of our biblical heritage is taught by Rabbi Dr. Michael Panitz, Rabbi at Temple Israel in Norfolk and good friend of Christ & St. Luke's. Join us weekly in Lloyd Hall during the 9:15 Sunday Morning formation hour through May 12.

Childcare and Children's Chapel - Sunday Opportunities for Children

- **9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Nursery**-The 3 and under crowd will meet in the Children's Room (the blue room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs) for childcare if their parents are attending adult formation or sing in the choir.
- **9:00 a.m. Children's Formation**-Children 4 and older will gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- **10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel**-All children participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Children rejoin their families at the Peace. If you have a child under the age of 3 whom you would like to stay in childcare for the remainder of the service, just let Henri know when you sign them in!

Important information for when you drop off your child:

Please escort your child to the Children's Room (under 3) or the Gold Room (3 and older). Sign them in so we have a record of who is there. If your child is rejoining you for Communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Week of Wonder Organizational Meeting – Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.

Week of Wonder, our weeklong camp, will be held August 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. this year. This week of mornings dedicated to music, art, movement, and spiritual formation is for children ages 3 – 12 years old. The Week of Wonder Team will have their first meeting May 11. Please email Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) if you would like to be involved. Registration for participants will open soon.

OUTREACH

Silent Auction for Together for Kenya – Sunday, May 19, after the 10:15 a.m. service

Mark your calendars! Beautiful baskets for specific interests and entertainment and one-of-a-kind items will be available for your bidding pleasure. Think beach basket, book basket, sports basket, and much more. Join us in Lloyd Hall for an enhanced coffee hour with homemade treats and the opportunity to go home with something fabulous and support Together for Kenya! This event is sponsored by Christ & St. Luke's Women of Wisdom Fellowship and will be MC'd by Cathy Lewis.