

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

*Welcome to St. Christopher's! If you are joining us online, please remember to confirm that you are muted. If you are joining us in person, please wear your mask and keep your distance from those outside your pod/household. While we have some music this morning, we are currently forgoing congregational singing. Please enjoy the music but do not sing or chant.*

**Prelude**

“Crown Imperial”

William Walton

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Hymn #455**

“O Love of God, how strong and true”

*Dunedin*

*Verses 1 and 3 only*



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

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### Easter Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* 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*

**First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

A Reading from Acts.

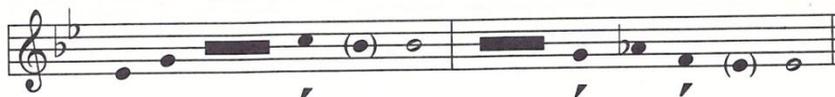
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can 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**

*Tone V.1*



**1 Cantor 1**

Sing to the LORD a / new song, \*  
for he has done / marvelous things.

**2 Cantor 2**

With his right hand and his / holy arm \*  
has he won for him/self the victory.

**3 Cantor 1**

The LORD has made known his / victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the / sight of the nations.

**4 Cantor 2**

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victo/ry of our God.

**5 Cantor 1**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you / lands; \*  
lift up your /voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Cantor 2**

Sing to the LORD with the /harp, \*  
with the harp / and the voice of song.

**7 Cantor 1**

With trumpets and the sound of the /horn \*  
shout with joy be/fore the King, the LORD.

**8 Cantor 2**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it, \*  
the lands and / those who dwell therein.

**9 Cantor 1**

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 Cantor 2**

In righteousness shall he / judge the world \*  
and the peoples / with equity.

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

A reading from First 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?

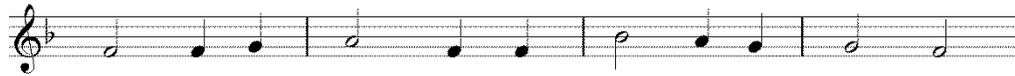
This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Reader* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

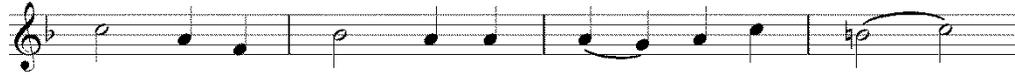
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***



Sequence Hymn #348 “Lord, we have come at your own invitation” *O quanta qualia*  
*Verses 1 and 2 only*



1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion  
 3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,  
 4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us



cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:  
 ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;  
 vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:  
 gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,



yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,  
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,  
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing  
 help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,



ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.  
 led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.  
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.  
 Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

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**Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17**

*Presider* 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.”

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Robert Wyatt

Nicene Creed *Said by all.*

*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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Presider* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying “Hear our prayer.”

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of other and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including **Sylvia, Nancy, Jeremy, Nick and Sherry, Kevin, David, Liam, M'Siah, Dan and Chris, Richard** (Martin), **Eunice** (Lewis), **Laura** (Rabb, Carla Bukalski's sister-in-law), **Bob** (Wyatt), **Devin, Steven** (Titiner, friend of Katie Kearns), **Dennis, Linda & Jayden** (Bushkofsky), **Theresa** (Kearns, Katie's sister), **Amber** (Curry, granddaughter of Bob Jones), **Kathie** (Gillies), **Paris** (Coffey), **Louise** (Dimiceli, friend of Mary Kay Tobin), **Destini and Perryman Families**; and for others we now name . . . ; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guard the joyous and make us thankful for your many blessings, including mothers and all who have loved us without conditions or limits, and the birthdays this week of **Brenda** Monti (5/9), **Luke** Alberts (5/9), **Isaac** Bidy (5/11), **Dan** Sullivan (5/11), **Alex** Strand (5/12), **Joan** Fallon (5/12), **Luke** Enriquez (5/13), Charles Nied (5/14), **Elaine** Hicks (5/15); the anniversary of **Paul & Glynne** Gervais (5/14); and other blessings we now name . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including **Alvin** (Ho) and those we now name . . . that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

*Presider* O God, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our hearts to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

**Sanctus** *recited by all*

***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 stand or kneel.*

*Then the Presider continues*

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; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

***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; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

*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,***

***and the power, and the glory,***

***for ever and ever. Amen.***

*The Presider breaks the bread and all hold a moment of silence. Then is said*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion, for those at home**

*During the distribution of Communion, those at home may pray the following*

*God of infinite mercy,*

*We thank you for Jesus our Savior, our true Mother*

*Who feeds us and gives us eternal life.*

*Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine,*

*We thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,*

*The forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.*

*Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior,*

*Who with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*Lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Silence, and then the People join in this prayer:*

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**The Blessing**

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.

**Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Postlude**

“Variation on “Praise to the Lord””

R.Kabos



## Serving Today

<b>Readings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 15:9-17
<b>8AM Lectors</b>	1st Reading: Bob Jones Psalm: Jack Cosbey 2nd Reading: Bob Jones
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jack Cosbey
<b>Voice of the People</b>	Katie Kearns
<b>10:30 AM Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Luke Enriquez 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eddie Pearson
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jen Enriquez
<b>Voice of the People</b>	David Crawford
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julie Dulski

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