# The 6th Sunday of Easter

# Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, Celebrant & Preacher

## THE WORD OF GOD

#### **Prelude** "Partita on 'Kingsfold" Charles Callahan "All things bright & beautiful" Hymn Hymnal, 405 Descant All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small, Refrain θ All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small, 0 0 all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all. o. all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. lit - tle flower that 1 Each o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by, 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, 4 He gave us to see them, and lips that we might tell eyes Repeat Refrain ō he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings. the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky, ripe fruits in the gar - den, he the made them ev - ery one. might - y, who how great is God Al has made all things well.

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#### **The Easter Acclamation**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. People



The Gloria: S-280 in the Hymnal 1982

#### The Salutation & Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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

Then 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

#### Acts 17:22-31

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."

The Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930) Page 674



7 Bless our God, your **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 upon our **backs**.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and **water**;\* but you brought us out into a place of re-**freshment**.
- 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**.

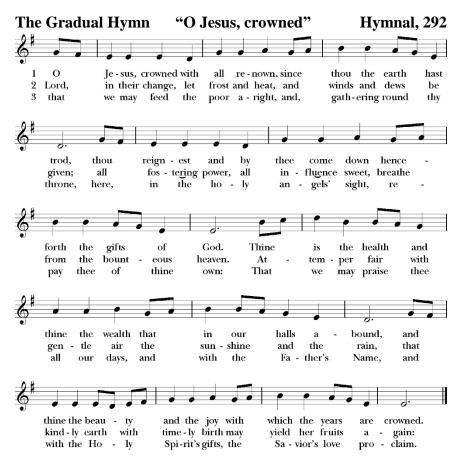
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**,\* nor withheld his **love from me**.

#### The Second Lesson

#### I Peter 3:13-22

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.

The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

# The people remain standing. The Celebrant says The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"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."

After the reading, the Celebrant saysThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed Said by all, standing

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 IV Page 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide Donald our President, Andy our Governor, and Thomas our Mayor, and 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.

Silence

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 others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.* 

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially... give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of salvation

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### The Confession of Sin

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All pray together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

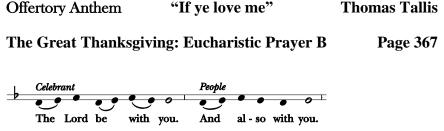
The Absolution

#### **The Peace**

All stand. The celebrant says to the people

PeopleThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION



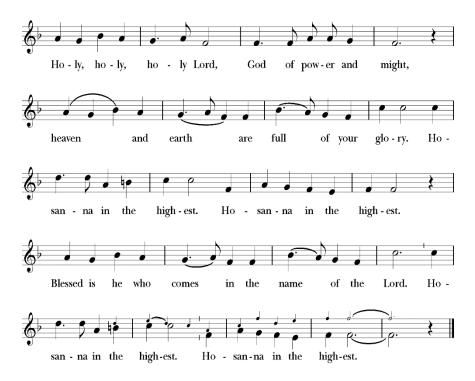


Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death, he 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:

#### Celebrant and People

#### Sanctus: S-125



#### Then the Celebrant 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,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

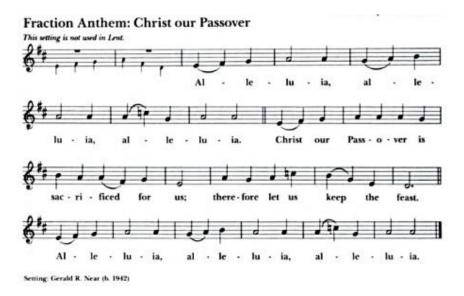
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 [St. Luke\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 forever. *Amen*.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

#### Fraction Anthem: S-155



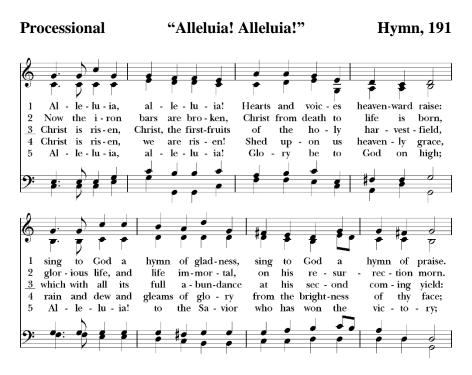
Communion Anthem "Peace unto Zion" Shaker Song arr. K Siegfried

#### **A Communion Prayer**

After the celebrant receives, the congregation prays

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Although we cannot be present together as a body, we know that the Spirit's power makes us one Body. For those of us safely able to receive, we are grateful for the spiritual food of the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. For those unable to receive the bread and wine, we are grateful for the spiritual union with you that this sacred mystery brings to life. 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





Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) Music: Lux eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

# The Dismissal<br/>PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

"Postlude in C"

**Henry Smart** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning, we meet on ZOOM. Our current study is on the Resurrection.

Link to Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

https://zoom.us/j/757663611?pwd=OGdqNFpMYjFPZG8xdzFsSFVI MkNiZz09

Meeting ID: 757-663-611

If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Wednesday Morning Bible Study notes will be sent out prior to the regular study time.

# Thursday Night Bible Study

The Basics of the Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284582639?pwd=bUZFYjRhd1lhUDN mck9sb0VYa1Budz09

Meeting ID: 284-582-639

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# **American Flags on Display**

In keeping with what has become a tradition at St Luke's, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, (BOSA) will decorate the grounds with American flags for the Memorial weekend. We thank the men of BOSA for this salute to the memory of those who preceded us.

(*Note*: Please DO NOT take the appearance of the flags as an indication that St Luke's has reopened.)

# **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer has gone from once a month to TWICE a month. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, **May 26, 6pm to 7pm**, on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office. Link to Centering Prayer Group: https://zoom.us/j/662061797?pwd=RVhkL2FWY3NEc204UHQwe VovK3R5Zz09 Meeting ID: 662-061-797 Plan to join us!! If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number – 2458827

# Make a Difference

During this challenging time, tens-of-millions are out of work, and local businesses are struggling hard to survive. Restaurants, for instance, are relying on take-out orders to stay afloat and keep people on payroll. What if, as a congregation, we chose a restaurant a week, and each of us did what we could to support that group of people by ordering takeout, being careful to leave a healthy tip?

If you know of a deserving, locally-owned restaurant that you'd like to see St. Luke's highlight for a week, let Dawn know at <u>admin@stlukesanchorage.org</u>.

# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, <u>admin@stlukesanchorage.org</u>.

Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.



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*The Flowers on the Altar* are given by Bud & Jen Currens in loving memory of their parents, Ed & Juanita Currens and Jack & Toots Whayne.

**In our prayers** . . Barry Alford, Walt Anderson, Joyce Angell, Kent Angell, Hugh Armstrong, Helga Bailey, Elizabeth Bruder, Christy Chard, Lynn Cline, Ken Couch, Ira Creasman, Bud Currens, Jen Currens, Jerry Davis, Trish Devine, Diana Durham-Smith, Paul Foreman, Joan Gallenstein, Sue Godfrey, Susie Gregory, Bill Hanna, Beth Ann Heilers, Natalia Hester, Ronald Steven Hill, Sr., Annie Jessee, Dave Kirchinger, Heather Neaveill Kramer, Monica Layton, John Markham, Tracy Northup, Sara Otter, Braxton Peebles, London Peebles, Ann Petty, Tim Pezzarossi, Kailee Pollack, Gene Pope, Nancy Rath, Dan Regneri, Dave Regneri, Kathy Regneri, Lacey Renfro, Lee Ridoux, Natalie Rogers, Wynn Rogers, Joe & Linda Schaaf, Susie Schutz, Al Seiferheld, Nina Seigle, Vickie Seripiglio, Linda Siegrist, Rob Slauenwhite, Joe Speiden, Steve T., Amy Wakeman, Phil Wakeman, Vicki Wright, and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Steve. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

#### **Readings for:**

May 21, Ascension Day:
Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.

May 23 & 24:	Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36;
	I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.