

# **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9 May 2021 ✠ 10:00 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Anne Harris, *Celebrant & Preacher*

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### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**

**“Psalm Prelude”**

**Herbert Howells**

**Choral Introit**

**The English Gradual**

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia:  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name;  
Make his praise to be glorious. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**The Opening Acclamation**

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Gloria in excelsis**

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**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.**

***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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 98****Chant: John Cantrell***Cantate Domino*

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge  
the earth.

<sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **The Second Lesson**

## **I 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual: Choral Alleluia**

## **The English Gradual**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen, and has showed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more. Death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

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

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

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.

*After the reading, the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**    **Praise 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.**

### **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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for **Michael, Anne, and Art**, our clergy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Joe our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and 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, especially **Helen Murray**, 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, especially **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braden, Bud, Caleb, Carol, Charles, Chris, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sarah, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn, the Murray family; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve, Trey.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

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

### **Healing Prayer**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory Anthem**

### **“Greater Love”**

**John Ireland**

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.  
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins,  
should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus;  
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you  
out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D**

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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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your

creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*



Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Luke and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

*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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

A period of silence is kept.

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.*

## **A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book**

*As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer*

**All Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.**

**Communion Anthem**

**“My eyes for beauty pine”**

**Herbert Howells**

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddes grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
Tis named when Goddes name is said,  
Tis love, tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

## *Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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.**

## **Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

***Celebrant*** In the name of God and of St. Luke's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People*** **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## **The Blessing**

## **The Dismissal**

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

## **Postlude**

**"Alla Marcia"**

**John Ireland**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Diaper Drive**

The Daughters of the King is having their annual Diaper Drive for Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM) now **through May 10<sup>th</sup>**. They need disposable diapers in sizes 4 and 5. EACM has a supply of wipes. Please leave on the back porch of the Lyman House (the office) in the EACM-marked container or near it, if full. Thank you!

### **Wednesday AM Lenten Bible Study!**

Please join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 9:45 am to discuss a chapter of *The Path*, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement. This is a lay-led discussion of the core stories of our faith from Genesis to Revelation, and is intended for all levels of experience! The Zoom link is published to our email list each week, so please contact Dawn at [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org) to be added to our email list. It's never too late to join this rich Christian formation opportunity!

### **Thursday Night Bible Study Continues!**

Please join this faithful group on Thursday nights at 6:45pm on Zoom to discuss scripture, share stories, and pray together. We are using *The Path* to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. Find the link in our weekly Zoom Newsletter!

### **Contemporary Anglican Saints – Sunday 9am Class**

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00. The British Isles and the greater Anglican Communion has been the home and origin of many great saints. These saints are people with fascinating stories, and great impact on global Christianity. Please join us as we learn about these saints and discuss their influence and ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at [episcopaliandave@gmail.com](mailto:episcopaliandave@gmail.com).

The link to the class is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030> / Meeting ID: **851 4453 0030**  
If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

### **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer has changed to every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday. Join us on **May 18 from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89768653053>

Meeting ID: 897 6865 3053

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## **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, [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org). 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.

*The Flowers on the Altar* are given by Rick & Mason Rummel to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children, Bennett & Christina, Ellie, Annie and Emma.

In our prayers ... for Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braden, Bud, Caleb, Carol, Charles, Chris, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sarah, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn, the Murray family; 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, Sinclair, Steve, Trey**. 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:**

<b>May 16:</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;</b>
<b>Seventh Easter</b>	<b>I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.</b>