

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Ocean City, New Jersey
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The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Welcome to all visitors and newcomers.
It is our privilege to have you come worship with us and share in
the community of God's faithful as we gather to
celebrate Holy Eucharist.

Sunday May 5, 2024
10:00 AM

Prelude: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God – Benedetto Marcello

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN *All creatures of our God and King*
(*Lasst uns erfreuen*) (H 400) VS 1,4,5,7



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Collect of Purity is a preparatory prayer of priest and people for God to cleanse our hearts and prepare us for worship. It has been used at the opening of the Anglican Eucharist since 1549.

The Celebrant may say

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.*



SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (BCP p. 356)*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

The Collect of the Day concludes the entrance rite and introduces the Liturgy of the Word. These prayers are usually related in theme to the Gospel or the observance 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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

The public reading of scripture is a part of our inheritance from Judaism, and the adoption of the practice by the early church is attested in the New Testament. The Liturgy of the Word includes a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel lesson followed by a sermon. It concludes with the recitation of the Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, the Confession, the Absolution, and the Peace.

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 98 **Read Responsively by Half Verse**

Remain seated.

- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- ²With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- ³The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- ⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Lord, make us servants of your peace* (Dickinson
 College) (H 593) VS 1-3, 4-5

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

All stand, as able, for the reading of the Gospel, which is preceded and followed by acclamations directed to Christ. The Gospel holds a place of honor as the final reading. The Gospel procession is symbolic of the Word coming to the people.

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358) The Rev. Lee Powers

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

The Nicene Creed is our common affirmation of faith. It states what we as a church believe, even as an individual understanding may grow and change over time.

All stand.

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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

At the end of the Creed, an appointed Parish Official comes to the front of the church and faces the people. Members of the Search Committee stand in the aisle facing the Parish Officials.

First Parish Official: I present to you these persons to be installed as members of the Rector Search Committee in this congregation: Sue Beakley, Robert Canderan, Elizabeth Casey, John Duffy, James Flynn, David Haines, Scott Jackson and Ross Seifert

Second Parish Official: God will not overlook your work and the love which you show for his sake. Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God.

Committee Members: Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Second Parish Official: As members of the Search Committee, you are hereby charged to diligently search for a candidate to be the next Rector of Holy Trinity

Episcopal Church, Ocean City, in the Diocese of New Jersey. You are given the authority to act as a sub-committee of the Vestry and to rely upon the services and resources of the Diocese of New Jersey, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring suitable candidates to the Vestry. As members of this congregation, know that we will pray for you and give you the support necessary to fulfill your charge. May God, who has given you the ability to fulfill this ministry, give you the Grace to accomplish it. Let us pray.

(A period of silence is kept for private prayer)

Regard, O Lord, our supplications, and confirm with your heavenly benediction your servants whom we admit today to this ministry; that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer you a service acceptable to your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: In the Name of God and of this congregation, and on behalf of the Wardens and Vestry, I commission you as the Search Committee for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

Offertory Anthem Let Heavenly Music Fill this Place – Gordon Young

Presentation Hymn Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal H380 VS 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

The People remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

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 S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (BCP p. 367)

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

The People stand or kneel.

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;

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

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 Julian and Gregory 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

The Lord's Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ's self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM S 155 *Christ our Passover (Near)* (BCP p. 364)

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Communion Voluntary

Andante – Felix Mendelssohn

COMMUNION HYMN *Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands (Malabar)* (H 312)



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have
 all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
 thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
 Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

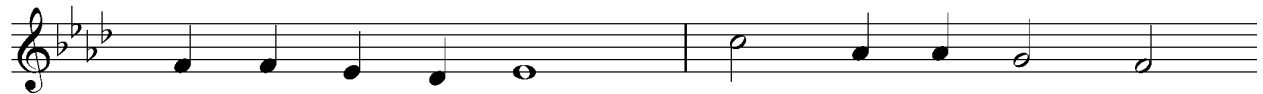
The Priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

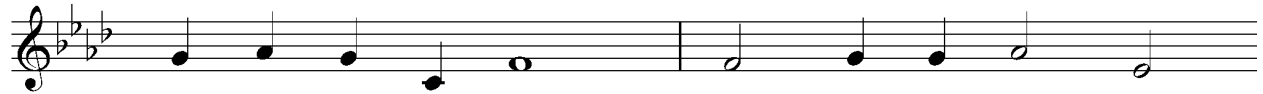
POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Come, labor on (Ora Labora)* (H 541)



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Having heard the pronouncement of God's blessing upon us and all of creation, we are sent forth to be Christ in the world.

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Fugue in A Major – Georg Phillip Telemann

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