# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 5, 2024

# The Word of God

Opening Hymn No. 400

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way; O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing now: Alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And even you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final breath, O praise him, Alleluia! You lead back home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia. Christ is Risen

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

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

The following is said, all standing

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.

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# 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 Reading Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

#### Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 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.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 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 In righteousness shall he judge the world  $^{\ast}$ 

and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle 1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of 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 The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn No. 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown, since thou the earth hast trod, thou reignest and by thee come down henceforth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and thine the wealth that in our halls abound, and thine the beauty and the joy with which the years are crowned.

Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be given; all fostering power, all influence sweet, breathe from the bounteous heaven.

Attemper fair and gentle air the sunshine and the rain, that kindly earth with timely birth may yield her fruits again:

That we may feed the poor aright, and, gathering round thy throne, here, in the holy angel's sight, repay thee of thine own:

That we may praise thee all our days, and with the Father's Name, and with the Holy Spirit's gifts, the Savior's love proclaim.

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The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

Priest 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Martin Gutwein

#### The Nicene Creed

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

All remain standing.

The Lord has done marvelous things. So let us boldly pray, saying, "We lift up our voices to you: Holy Spirit, fall upon us."

Loving Parent, you have chosen us to be members of your Church: help us to obey what you command; help us to love one another as you love us.

We lift up our voices to you:

People: Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations: we pray you judge the people of the world according to your righteousness, not according to our ignorance or folly.

We lift up our voices to you:

People: Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out with joy before you: open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your works.

We lift up our voices to you:

People: Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends: bless the first responders who consistently risk their health and lives for friends and strangers.

We lift up our voices to you:

People: Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, you always remember your mercy and faithfulness to your people: we ask you, in Jesus' name, to heal and comfort those for whom we pray at this time.

We lift up our voices to you:

People: Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: may we, with those who have died, abide in your love forever.

We lift up our voices to you:

People: Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

# Rogation Prayers

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty; Open our eyes 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.



**Rector**: For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there

may be food and drink for all creatures, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

**Rector**: For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon

them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, we pray

to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

**Rector**: For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of

your creation may abound from age to age, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon these flowers and grant that they may serve to your glory and welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

O gracious Father, who opened your hand and filled all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you have given, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2* 

Offertory Hymn Hymnal 398

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

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# The Holy Communion

# The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

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:

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 kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

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.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

## Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion

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

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori*, 1696-1787)

# Communion Hymn

No. 374

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus"; "Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "for he was slain for us."

Jesus is worthy to receive honor and power divine; may blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.

The whole creation joins in one, to bless the sacred Name of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

Words: Isaac Watts Music: Nun Danket All Und Bringet Ehr, Johann Cruger

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

Almighty and ever living 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.

## Festal Easter Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

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.

Closing Hymn Hymnal 405

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. (Refrain)

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)

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#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

# Notes and Announcements May 5, 2024

#### PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for The Rev. Dcns: Henry P. Bristol II, Janet Daniels, Carlton

Dunn, Sally B. Maurer, Canon Clive Sang, The Ven. Dcn. Theodore A. Foley...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for those who volunteered at the Community Yard Sale...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenney, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week Lily Ward 05/08; Scott Anderson 05/10...

For those who are Celebrating an Anniversary this week Ralph & Carol Slim Sr. 05/06

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Benadette, Joseph, Dot, Renee, Julia, Olivia, Bea, Lisa, Craig, David, Amanda, Rita, John, Lyn, Sue, Nicole, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, David, Sylvia, Joe, Gus, Briana, McKensie, Margie, David R, Bill, Virginia, Jan & Rob, Brigid, Sharon C, Kate, Louise, Dorothy, Karen, Janie, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy...

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frances Wolfgang by Paul Wolfgang.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein who is with us again this week.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, May 9 - Ascension Day Service 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Celebration at the 9:00 service! Tuesday, May 21 - Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.

## And a Bit Further Out

Saturday, May 25 - Mayfair Saturday, June 15 - Collingswood House and Garden Tour

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** will be taking a couple of weeks off due to lots of spring travel and activities for our families. See you all soon!!!

**PENTECOST FLOWERS AND SPECIAL DECORATIONS** – If you would like to give flowers or special decorations in memory thanksgiving for someone or something, please see the donation form below and on the website. Requests are due in the office by Monday, May 13.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CHART – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign next to the desired date, if available or call the office at 856-858-0491. Flowers are \$45.00.

ONLINE GIVING – To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church.

**UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM** – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

PENTECOST SUNDAY May 19, 2024	
	Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Collingswood, New Jersey Offering for Geraniums, Spring Flowers
	and Special Decorations
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