

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

Preacher - The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier, *Dean*

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Children, Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Nursery for breakfast and the Martin Room for Christian Formation. They will join us in the cathedral at The Peace. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #400 (OMIT verses 2,3,6) - All creatures of our God and King*Lasst uns erfreuen*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

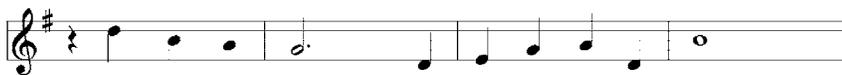
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

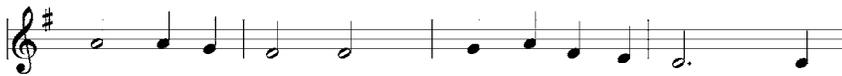
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER *Pascha Nostrum*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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 LESSON ~ Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 67 *Deus misereatur*

Setting: Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

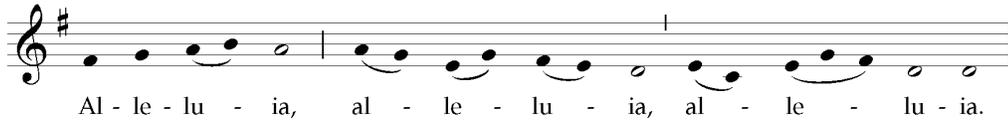
THE SECOND LESSON ~ Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. Those who love me will keep my word:
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. [*Alleluia*]

THE GOSPEL ~ John 5:1-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

THE SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

Prayer Book, Page 387

THE PEACE

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

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen

Music: John Goss (1800-1880)

Text: Collect for the visitation of the sick

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #705 ~ As those of old their first fruits brought*Forest Green*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, Page 367

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

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| <p>1. The tree of life my soul hath seen,
 Laden with fruit and always green:
 The tree of life my soul hath seen,
 Laden with fruit and always green:
 The trees of nature fruitless be
 Compared with Christ the apple tree.</p> | <p>2. His beauty doth all things excel:
 By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
 His beauty doth all things excel:
 By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
 The glory which I now can see
 In Jesus Christ the apple tree.</p> |
| <p>3. For happiness I long have sought,
 And pleasure dearly I have bought:
 For happiness I long have sought,
 And pleasure dearly I have bought:
 I missed of all; but now I see
 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.</p> | <p>4. I'm weary with my former toil,
 Here I will sit and rest awhile:
 I'm weary with my former toil,
 Here I will sit and rest awhile:
 Under the shadow I will be,
 Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.</p> |
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
 It keeps my dying faith alive;
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
 It keeps my dying faith alive;
 Which makes my soul in haste to be
 With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: From Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, compiled by Joshua Smith
 Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

Please join in singing

HYMN #513 ~ Like the murmur of the dove's song.....*Bridegroom*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SEASONAL 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*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #405 ~ All things bright and beautiful..... *Royal Oak*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Joseph & Ruth Marrione.*

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome!

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Alleluia

From *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

Mass (Sanctus, Christ our Passover)

Setting: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give NOLA Day is Tuesday, May 3. Two vital ministries are receiving contributions: *Grace at the Green Light* and *The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative*. Please give generously.

Join us on Friday, May 20 for the last *Quiet Day* at Advent House until next fall. We will begin with centering prayer at 9:30 and then take time for personal spiritual practices such as journaling, reading, writing, praying. We will end with centering prayer at 2:00 and leave at 2:30. Bring a lunch if desired and any art or sewing project that you would like to work on. You may come and go any time between 9:30-2:30. Coffee and tea provided.

Gardeners meet every third Saturday of the month from 8am to 10am to beautify and maintain the gardens. The next gathering is scheduled for May 21. Everyone is invited. Your help is appreciated.

Grace at the Green Light - an important ministry to the homeless, will be the focus of a presentation after the 10:00 Eucharist on Sunday, May 22.

Save the dates:

- *Choral Evensong for Ascension Day* - Thursday, May 5 - 6:00 PM
- *Solomon Episcopal Conference Center Day* - Sunday, May 8
- *Pentecost Sunday with Picnic* - Sunday, May 15
- *The Union of Black Episcopalians Conference Opening Eucharist, the Presiding Bishop preaching* - Sunday, July 31
- *The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Conference Hymn Sing* - Sunday, August 7

Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a Bishop is present. (BCP, page 312). *Our next opportunity for baptism is May 15, 2016.* Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.

THE
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MAY 1, 2016 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

THE FEAST OF CATHERINE OF SIENA

On April 29, The Episcopal Church celebrated the Feast of Catherine of Siena, a fourteenth-century mystic and spiritual writer.

Born in 1347, Caterina Benincasa was the youngest of 25 children born to a wealthy cloth dyer of Siena. According to *Holy Women, Holy Men* (Church Publishing, 2010), at six years old, she had a vision that would determine her life's work. While walking along a road to her home, she looked upward and "beheld our Lord seated in glory with St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John." In this vision, she would later report, Jesus blessed her.

After this vision, Catherine committed herself to a life of prayer, meditation, writing, and worship. Her family, desiring her to behave like her contemporaries, attempted to have her married to her sister's widower. Refusing, she cut off her hair (according to *Holy Women, Holy Men*, this was the chief symbol of her beauty) and instead joined the Third Order of the Dominicans. Here, she would be afforded the opportunity to serve the poor and convert sinners, without living in a monastery (*An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians*, 2000).

Throughout her career, Catherine was closely associated with serving those on the fringes of society: those afflicted with the Black Plague, prisoners condemned to death, and the desperately poor of Siena and Rome. At the same time, and possibly because of this work, she was well-regarded by the elite of her time, arbitrating feuds and attempting to end the church schism caused by the dueling popes at Rome and Avignon.

A prolific writer, Catherine's greatest work is undoubtedly *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*, based on her vision of a soul rising up to meet God. Reflecting on the mystery of the Trinity, she wrote, "You, eternal Trinity, are a deep sea. The more I enter you, the more I discover, and the more I discover, the more I seek you" (*Dialogue* 167). She would go on to say to her readers, "You are rewarded not according to your work or your time, but according to the measure of your love" (*Dialogue* 165). One of her best-known quotations, as translated by the Rt. Rev. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, is remembered as "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!"

Catherine of Siena died in Rome on April 29, 1380, at the age of 33. Pope Pius II canonized her in 1461.

Collect for Catherine of Siena

"Everlasting God, you so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena, as she meditated on the passion of your Son our Savior, that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick, and to the peace and unity of the Church: Grant that we also may share in the mystery of Christ's death, and rejoice in the revelation of his glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen" ("Holy Women, Holy Men," p. 351).



"St. Catherine of Siena" circa 1500-1600, oil on copper, courtesy of the Brooklyn Museum, New York City

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THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2016

SUNDAY

- 7:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)
- 9:45 AM Breakfast and Christian Formation for Children
- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 PM Christian Education Hour
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist
- 1:00 PM Book Club (Advent House)
- 5:00 PM Bodytime Bootcamp

TUESDAY

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 PM Bodytime Bootcamp
- 5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)
- 6:45 PM Seeker's Book Study (Advent House)

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 PM Book Study (Advent House)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 1:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Westfeldt Room)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women Only)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 5:00 PM Bodytime Bootcamp
- 6:00 PM Choral Evensong for Ascension Day

FRIDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAY

- 9:00 AM Office open until noon.
- 9:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:30 AM Eracism - Westfeldt Room
- 9:30 AM Centering Prayer - Advent House

SUNDAY

- 7:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)
- 9:50 AM Breakfast and Christian Formation for Children
- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 PM Christian Education Hour
- 4:00 PM Yoga in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

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