

The Word of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *As those of old their first fruits brought (Forest Green)* (H 705)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In unison: 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 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias) (S 278)*



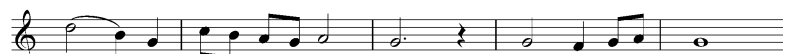
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



might-y 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;



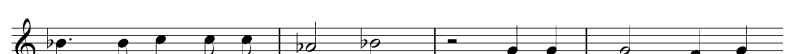
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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 17:22-31

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For 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. ²⁴The 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, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From 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, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸For ‘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.’

²⁹Since 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. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which 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.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18 (Anglican chant; sung by choir)

⁷Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²I 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.

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁴Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁶If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁷But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE INTROIT *Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (MHSO20)*



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

All sing refrain.

Verse (Choir only):

"The sheep of my flock," says the Lord, "hearing my voice, will listen.
They will follow me, for I know them; they are mine."

All sing refrain.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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All sing refrain.

Verse (Choir only):

The word of the Lord is alive. The word of the Lord is active.
It can judge our thoughts, bring us closer to the Father.

All sing refrain.

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In response to
Intercessor: Let us pray,
People: Hear us, O risen Christ.

Concluding Collect

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Vineyard Grows* K. Lee Scott (born 1950)
(based on an English folk song)**

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green,
The planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain, His vine with love He planted here
To bear the choicest fruit for Him, the choicest fruit for Him.
We are His branches, chosen dear, and though we feel the dresser's knife,
We are the objects of His care, the objects of His care.

From Him we draw the juice of life, for Him supply his winery
With fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive.
Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with Your rich life in me.
- Jaroslav J. Vajda

OFFERTORY HYMN Doxology with Alleluias

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'ly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B (BCP p. 367)

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.

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell) (S 129)

Musical notation for the Sanctus. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

Musical notation for the beginning of the Creed. The lyrics are: comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP p. 364)

FRACTION ANTHEM *Christ Our Passover* (S155)

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.
[Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN *O Love of God, how strong and true* (Dunedin) (H 455)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* (Finnian) (H 492)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All are warmly invited to join us after worship
in our Church Center for fellowship and refreshments.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Church of Pakistan (United)*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Charleston;
The Rev. Adam Shoemaker, Rector; The Rev. Will Berry, Associate Rector for
Families & Formation; The Rev. Julia Madden, Associate Rector
for Pastoral Care & Parish Life;
The Rev. James Pecoy, Deacon.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Ann Charles-Jordan.

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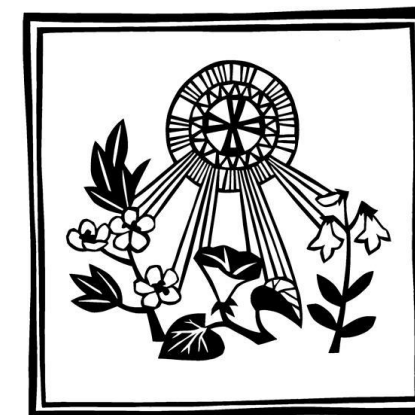
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The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10 May 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Roy Tripp, Celebrant
Charlie Jordan, Preaching



Welcome! We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you need pastoral care, reach out to Fr. Roy at RoyTripp@mac.com. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better.

NOTES: BCP is The Book of Common Prayer, the book with the gold cross. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.

