

# **Mission Statement**

A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

# May 22, 2022

# **Holy Eucharist:**

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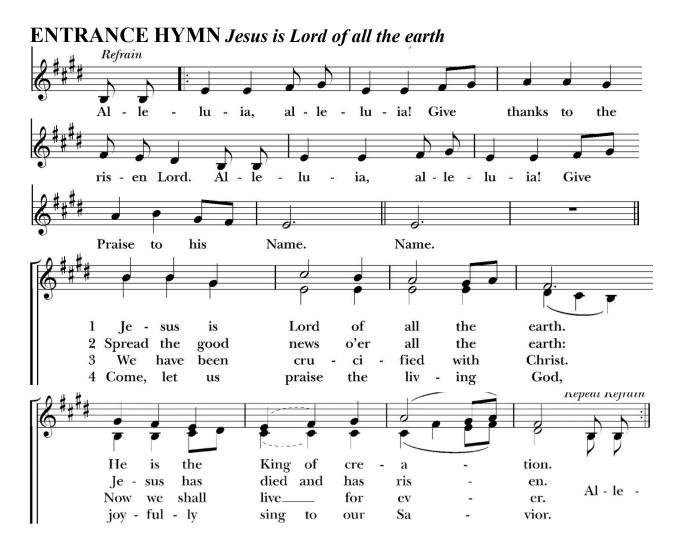
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# WORD OF GOD

#### **PRELUDE: Gott Vater Sei Gepriesen**

by Anthony Giamanco



# **OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant and people pray:

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 Please turn to Hymn 243 in the Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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, forever and ever. *Amen*.

#### THE LESSONS

#### FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

Susan Schubert

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>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.<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

# SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>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.<sup>22:1</sup>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<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.SEQUENCE HYMN Open My Heart- Music by Heart- Ana Hernandez-

Harmony: 0 - pen my heart, o - pen my heart, o - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

All stand.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29 All stand.

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

# PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK

#### THE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Pat Roberts

Sisters and brothers, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. The God of peace has prepared for us such good things as surpass our understanding, so let us rejoice, saying, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; *let all the peoples praise you.*" By the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, teach your Church to walk in the ways of Jesus. May the gospel be found in our minds, in our hearts, and on our lips.

#### Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

### Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. We look for the day, O God, when all the peoples gather around your throne in praise and worship.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

#### Let all the peoples praise you.

O God from whom all good proceeds: bless the earth to bring forth her increase. Guide all your people to honor you by caring for your creation.

#### Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

#### Let all the peoples praise you.

Give to our city, O God, your peace. Shine the light of your love on those places that are plagued by gangs and violence, hatred and sadness. Be merciful to us and bless us.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

# Let all the peoples praise you.

Almighty God, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Give to the sick and suffering a taste of the water of life. We pray today for:\_\_\_\_

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

#### Let all the peoples praise you.

Grant us, O God, by your great mercy, entrance into your heavenly city where we might worship at your throne, see you face to face, and reign with you forever and ever. We pray for all who have died: \_\_\_\_\_-

#### Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *Let all the peoples praise you.* 

### THE PEACE

All stand.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord! We enjoy "passing the peace" at St. John's and we take our time doing it. Say hello to someone you do not know. Let us know who you are if you are visiting by signing the guest register in the Narthex (back lobby) of the church.

We are one in the bond of love We are one in the bond of love We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God We are one in the bond of love

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

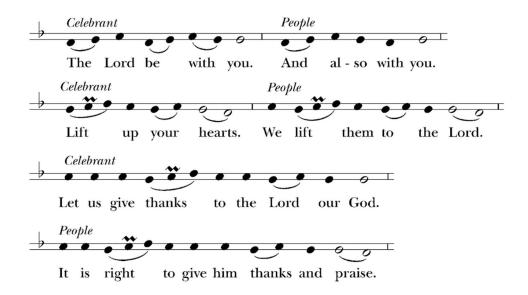
The Celebrant says

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *I* want to walk as a child of the light (Houston) (H 490)



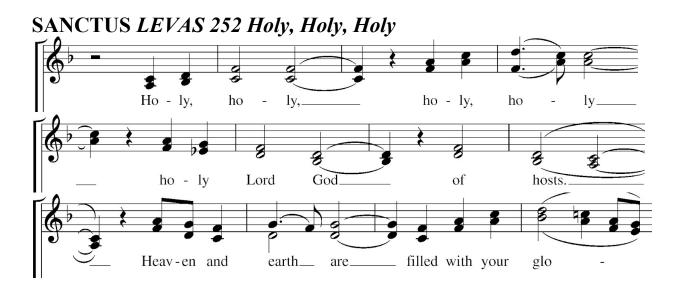
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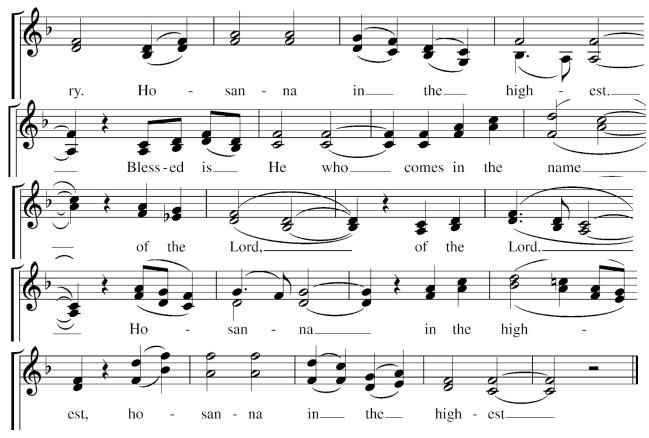


#### **PROPER PREFACE**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

The People stand or kneel.

#### The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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. 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, Almighty God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

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

# INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

# DISTRIBUTION

We will be sharing communion in both kinds. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.

# **COMMUNION HYMN** Seek Ye First



# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

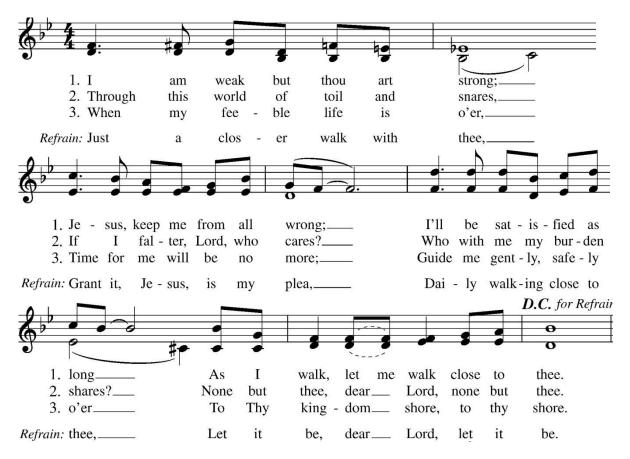
# BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be quick to love and slow to anger, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. AMEN

### **POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee- LEVAS 72



#### DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

# **POSTLUDE: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

arr: Mark Sedio

#### Assisting with the service today

Readers Prayers of the People Susan Schubert and Jane Graham Pat Roberts

Coordinator Church Administrator Vestry Members: Richard Pfleger Terry Glover Father Tim Black, Priest in Charge Paul Brady, Communications Linda Cage, Outreach Coor. Sherran Davis, Clerk Richard Pfleger, Treasurer Archie Polk, Evangelism Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

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