

# Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. — May 5, 2024
Rite II

#### Welcome

**We welcome** you to St. James this morning and are delighted you are here. Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Centennial Hall, located directly below the church. **The Service** is outlined from the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). **The Music** is found in the *Hymnal 1982*.

During the Voluntary we invite you to a time of quiet reflection and prayer as you prepare for the service.

**Voluntary** Paraphrase on *Jesus Loves Me* 

Robert Hebble (1934-2020)

#### The Word of God

Please stand as able and sing

## Hymn 191 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

Lux eoi





Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: Lux eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

# The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## The Collect for Purity

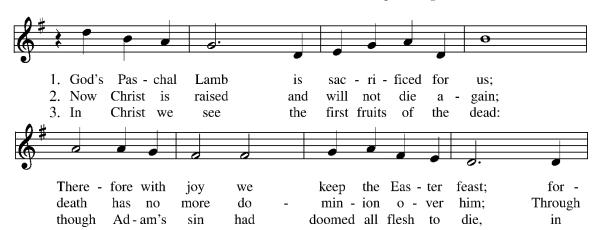
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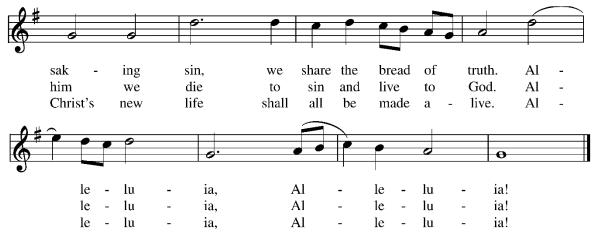
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

All sing.

### Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum

Ralph Vaughan Williams, WLP 880





Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

## The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 225

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 10:44-48

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.** 

Anglican Chant: George A. Macfarren (1813-1887)

#### Psalm 98 Cantate Domino

- 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 \* and the peoples with equity.

### The Second Lesson

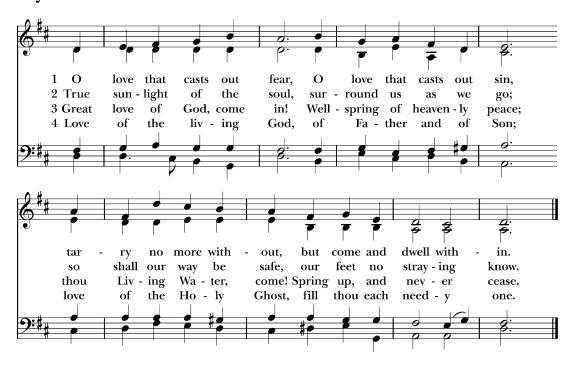
1 John 5:1-6

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.** 

#### Hymn 700 O love that casts out fear



Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). Music: Moseley, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

## The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Josh Hoover

#### The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us gather in the presence of the living God and pray.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church, Lord, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Bonnie, our Bishop. We pray for partner churches who are celebrating and living in your resurrection, especially, St Michael's in Grosse Pointe Woods; St. Barnabas' in Chelsea; St. Joseph's in Boca Chica, the Dominican Republic. And we pray for the people of St. James that the doubts of your church might be turned to faith, and all your people might share the good news of new life with the world.

We give you thanks for this wondrous creation, for the beauty and mystery of the world you have made. Give us the wisdom and strength to protect the world, and use our creative potential that it may be maintained and made more beautiful for generations to come.

For Joe, our president and the leaders of all the nations, especially Ukraine, Gaza, Israel and all others facing war, that you would guide them with your wisdom and instill in them the courage to serve the way of justice and peace for all people, and make them signs of hope for all in need.

For those who suffer from illness, for those who are in need and those who are bereaved, especially Penny; Anne; Tom; Michael; Quenten; Bev; Jane; Michael; Anita; Mary; Rich; Daniel; Cynthia; Sue M.; Linda; Patti; Julian; Andy; Claire; Joe; Betsy; that your healing power would be with them and your love encompass them, so that they might find in you a source of comfort and peace.

For those who have died, that they may find their true home in your kingdom where there is no sorrow, suffering or sighing, but only fullness of life.

You said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

The Offertory is a time when we offer back to God some of what God gives to us. God gives us wheat and grapes and, through our labor, we turn them into bread and wine.

God gives us bodies and minds, and we use these in our life and labor to earn our daily bread. When we give a portion of our income back to God, God blesses it, and returns it to us as services provided by the church, in outreach to those in need, and in lives changed by God's spirit.

The choir sings the anthem.

Anthem

Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Text from John 13:34-35, and the Liber Usualis. Incorporates the Latin hymn Ubi caritas along with the English Gospel text.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

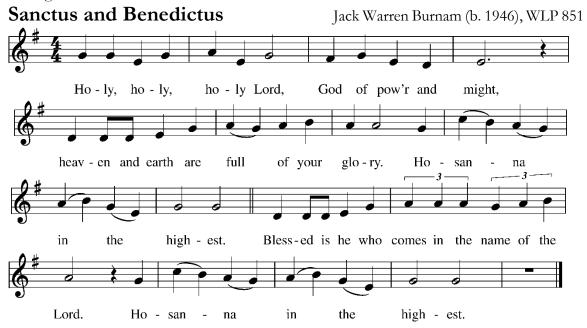
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:



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#### The people stand or kneel as able.

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, We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 James, the ever blessed Virgin Mary, and with 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

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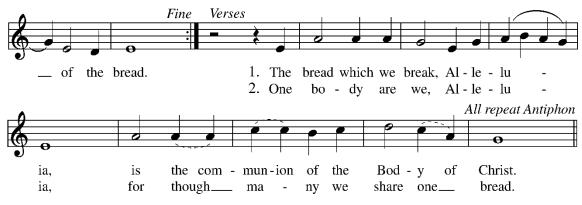
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. Then, all remain kneeling or standing for the Fraction Anthem.

# Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Jack Warren Burnam, WLP 876





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#### **Invitation to Communion**

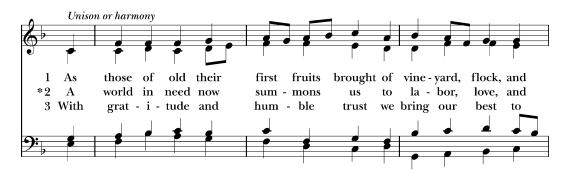
Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

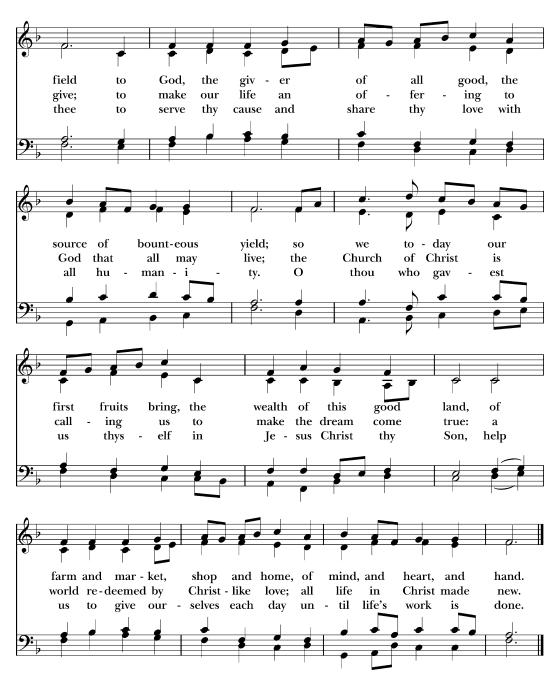
All are invited to God's table. The response after receiving communion is AMEN. Gluten-free bread is available. If you choose not to receive communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing both arms over your chest. If you have not yet been baptized, we encourage you to speak to the Clergy.

All sing the hymn.

# Hymn 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green





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### The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

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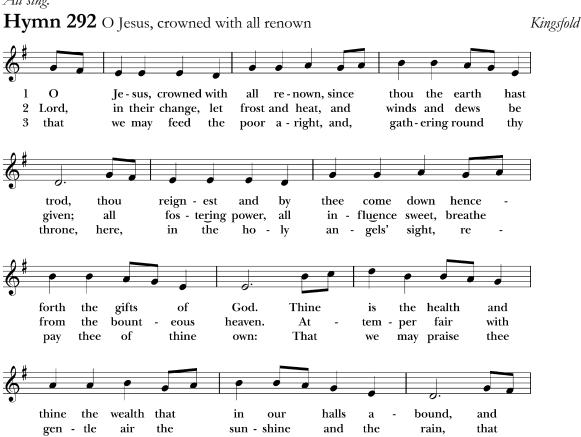
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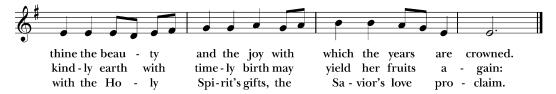
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#### The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

### Voluntary Gaudeamus

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

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### Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. in person 10:00 a.m. in person and on <u>Facebook</u> and our <u>Website</u> and via <u>Zoom</u>

Weekdays Compline 7:50 p.m. on Zoom

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