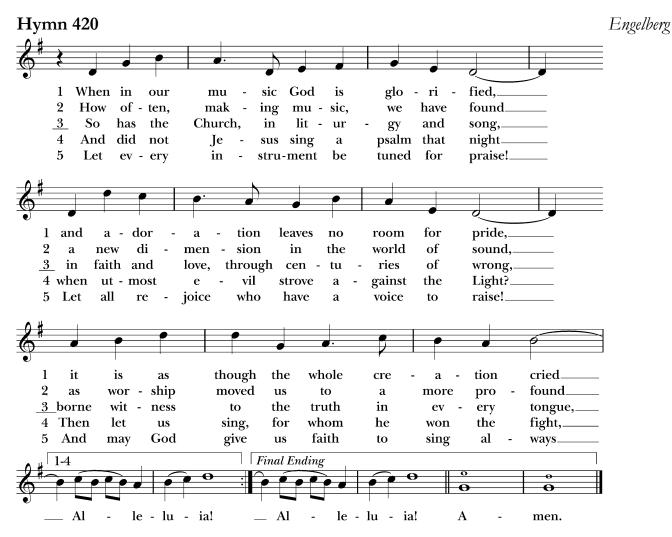
# The Holy Eucharist

# Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024



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#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.** 

#### Introit (Cherub Choir)

This is the day which the Lord has made; Rejoice all believers, and be very glad. This is the day which the Lord has made; Rejoice all believers, Alleluia! Alle, Alleluia! We raise our song to praise God's name. Alle, Alleluia! God loves us all the same, Alleluia!





Celebrant People The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 people are seated.

# A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 98

Book of Common Prayer, page 727

- 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.

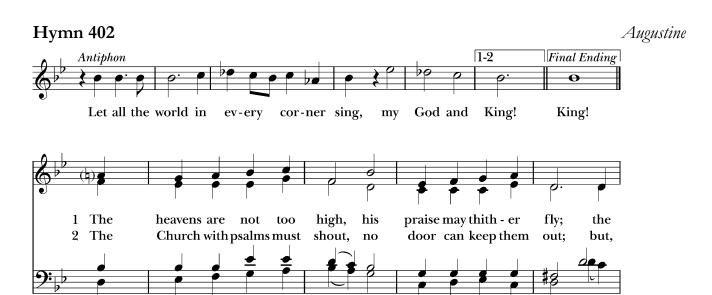
# A reading from the first letter of John

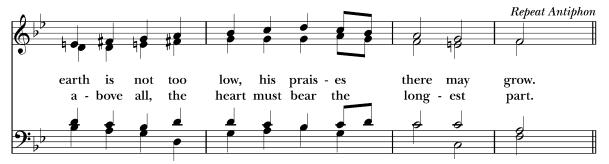
5:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.





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

John 15:9-17

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Mellott

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, page 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

The Prayers of the People were written by our first grade Sunday School class, in honor of their Communion Celebration this Sunday.

Thank you God, for our class, and for our church, where we come to pray together and visit with God. Please help us learn to help you, God. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

We pray for our country, and for the President and government and lawyers. Please help them make good rules and laws. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

We pray for our world. Thank you for water, food, trees and plants and flowers, and oxygen and all the things that help people breathe and live longer, and for vegetables and fruit and good food to help us get strong and tall. Please help keep the earth clean with no trash on the ground. Thank you for recycling and helping us help the world. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

We pray for everyone who is sick or hurt. Please help them have nurses and doctors and bandaids and medicine and wheelchairs and everything they need to get better. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Please help the people who are sad when someone they love dies, and please help everyone who has died be happy and safe with you in heaven. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Thank you for parents and teachers and everyone who looks out for us. Please help parents with keeping us safe, and with dishes and making food, and with taking care of dogs and cats and all our pets. Please help teachers so their kids will listen. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Thank you for our grandparents and brothers and sisters, and our friends, and pets and everyone we love. Please help us all have respect and kindness. Let the people say, **Amen**.

Thank you for making us live, and creating the world. Thank you for bugs and animals and the bees who make honey and keep plants alive. Thank you for snacks and coloring and washing machines. Thank you for sunlight and animals and people and EVERYTHING. Let the people say, **Amen**.

The priest adds a concluding prayer:

Dear God, thank you for knowing what we need, and giving it to us before we ask, or when we forget to ask. Help us always to remember our blessings, to thank you, and to help everyone who needs our help. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

# **Exchange of Peace**

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation

# The Welcoming of Children to Communion

Joseph Patrick Bradley \* Liev Evangeline Celhar \* Maris Donato \* Amalia Kathleen Jaffe Zoe Oseiwe-Williams \* Adelaide Clare Osterhout \* Julia Kyle Seaman Rosie Staudenmayer \* Julianna Winterrowd \* Norah Winterrowd \* Theodore Wojcik At 8 a.m. there is a collection plate near the entrance to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering.

At 10 a.m., a collection of financial gifts for the work of the church is received during the singing of the anthem.

Or, at either service, scan the QR code to make a gift electronically.



#### Offertory Anthem

Christ Hath a Garden, Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come: That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

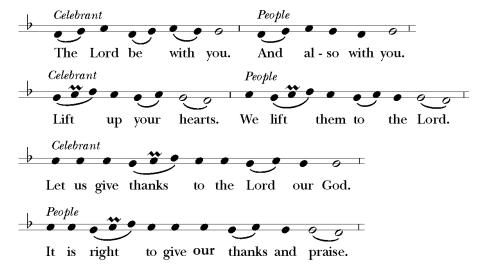
#### Hymn at the Presentation

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (said at 8:00 a.m., sung at 10:00 a.m.)

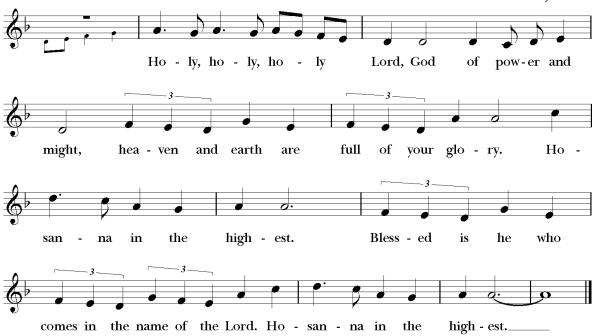
From <u>Enriching Our Worship</u>



All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

S 129, Robert Powell



#### The Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

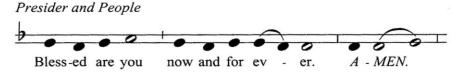
And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may

be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.



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

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says:

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to offer this prayer for "spiritual communion".

# A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

#### Music at Communion:

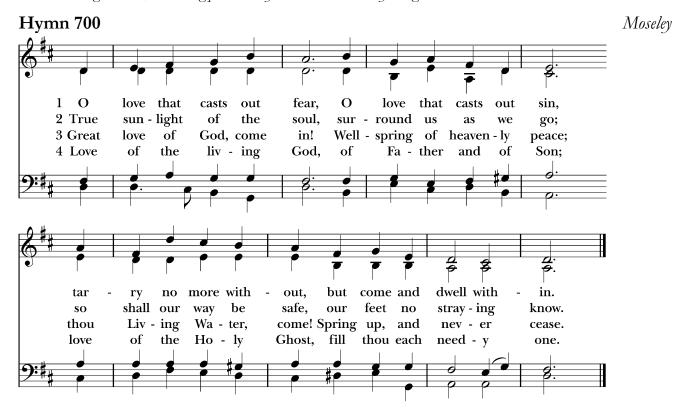
# Voluntary

Adoration, Florence Price

Motet (Coventry Choir)

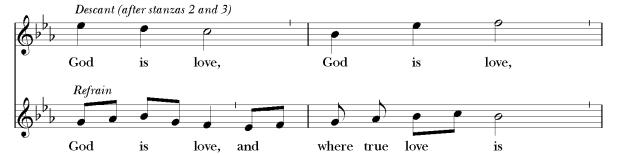
Cantabo Domine, Orazio Vecchi

Cantabo Domino in vita mea; psallam Deo meo quam diu sum. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.



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Hymn 576 Mandatum





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## Post communion prayer

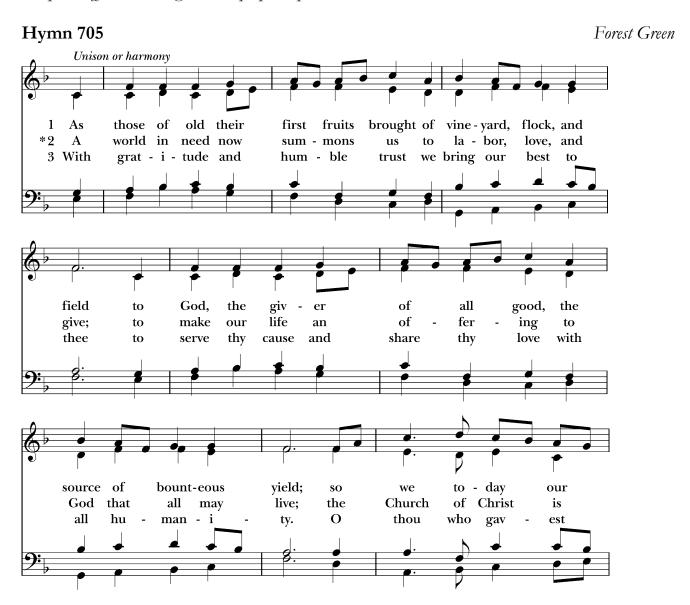
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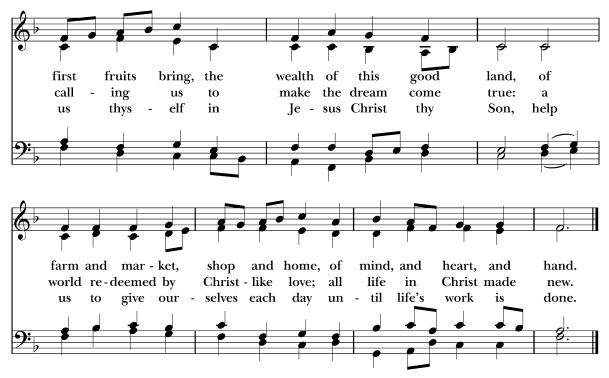
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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.

## Blessing

The priest offers a blessing, and the people respond. Amen.





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#### The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.

People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

#### **Postlude**

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541, J. S. Bach



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