

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026 † 10:30AM

PRELUDE

Fantasie: Lord Jesus, be present now, Wilhelm Rust

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 

Alleluia, alleluia! Hymnal 1982, 191 vv 1-2, 4-5

OPENING ACCLAMATION 

Officiant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Officiant 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

God's Paschal Lamb

WLP 880

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; forsaking
sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him; Through
him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in
Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY 

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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.**

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

Since 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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because 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.”

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

THE RESPONSE 
Antiphon, all sing

Psalm 66:7-18

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God holds our souls in life." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a 4/4 time signature.

⁷ Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
⁸ Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.

Antiphon

- ⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹⁰ You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- ¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Antiphon

- ¹² I 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.
- ¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

Antiphon

- ¹⁴ Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- ¹⁵ I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

Antiphon

- ¹⁶ If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁷ But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Antiphon



Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN



Come down, O Love divine, Hymnal 1982, 516

- 1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, with-in my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.



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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This 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.

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

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

THE SERMON



The Rev. Aidan Rontani

THE NICENE CREED



All 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  *All remain standing.*

Intercessor In this Eastertide, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and live into the possibilities of eternal life, let us joyfully pray to God, saying, Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Intercessor For your Holy Church around the world, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the holy people of God, that like Mary Magdalene and the other women, we may share the good news of the empty tomb and embody the hope of the Resurrection to the world. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our nation, for our leaders and all those in authority, and for all who enjoy the blessings of this land, that we may not forget our call to be people of justice, peace, and self-giving love. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our world, for the leaders and peoples of the nations, that they may know blessing and hope through the Prince of Peace. We remember especially the people of Ukraine, Iran, Lebanon, and all places torn by war and strife, that their peace may be restored and their divisions healed. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For the people of the Holy Land, Israeli and Palestinian, that they may find peace and lasting reconciliation, and see an end to Antisemitism and Islamophobia around the world. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For this community and for all communities, we beseech the mercy of God to protect us from danger and to heal and restore the bounteous natural world around us. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For the poor and homeless, for the unemployed and destitute, for migrants and refugees, and for all those in need, that they may find blessing and hope, and that we all may be moved to care for the less fortunate. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For all those suffering from discrimination and oppression, for reasons of their race, gender, sexuality, disability, or citizenship status. May God grant us all a heart for understanding, mercy, and love. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For the sick and the suffering, especially those with chronic and terminal illnesses, that they may be brought new life and health through the power of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For all those who have died, that their tombs one day stand as empty as our Lord's, and for those who mourn, that they may know the joy of a stone rolled away and an everlasting life opened to all. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our parish, that we may continue to find new life and renewal, and become a beacon of Resurrection life and hope in our community. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Silence

Presider O God, who by the glorious Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE 

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY SELECTION 

If Ye Love Me, Thomas Tallis

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  *Remain standing, as able*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in the light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Presider and People

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

The Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when you 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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

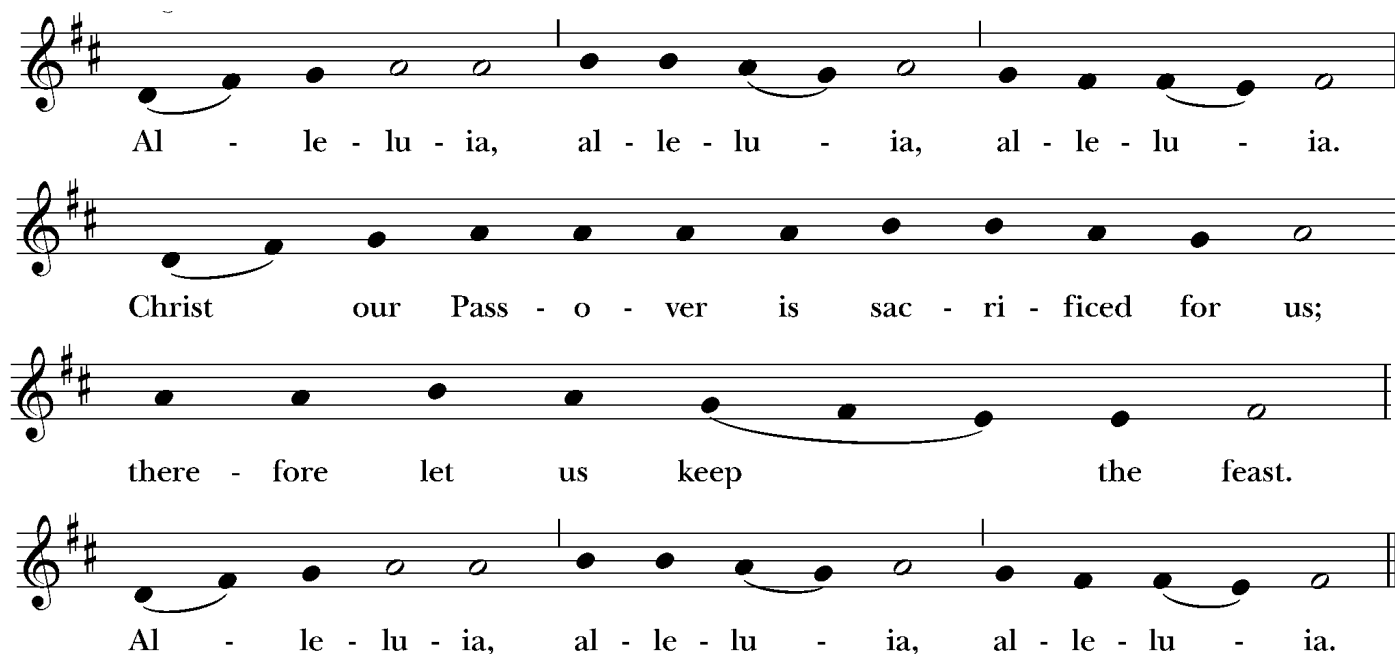
The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

AT THE FRACTION

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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.

The Presider says the following Invitation

Presider 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.

If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please

then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.

COMMUNION HYMN



Thou, who at thy first Eucharist, Hymnal 1982, 315

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



Presider Let us pray.

All **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.**

THE FINAL BLESSING 

Presider 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 blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***



CLOSING HYMN 

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, Hymnal 1982, 344

THE DISMISSAL 

Presider Let go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The congregation may exit or remain to enjoy the postlude as desired.

 *or* 

ORGAN POSTLUDE 

Pastorale, Alexandre Guilmant

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in celebration of Mother's Day, and in memory of Diantha and Betsy.*



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