



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

May 17, 2020

The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 355.

VOLUNTARY: Prelude in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE ENTRANCE

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Presider says the Collect for Purity

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, HYMN 405 (stanzas 1, 4) "All things bright and beautiful"

Royal Oak

Sung by all.

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.
1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 WORD OF GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Jon C. Strand

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III, Book of Common Prayer, p. 387

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 400 (stanzas 1, 5, 7) "All creatures of our God and King"

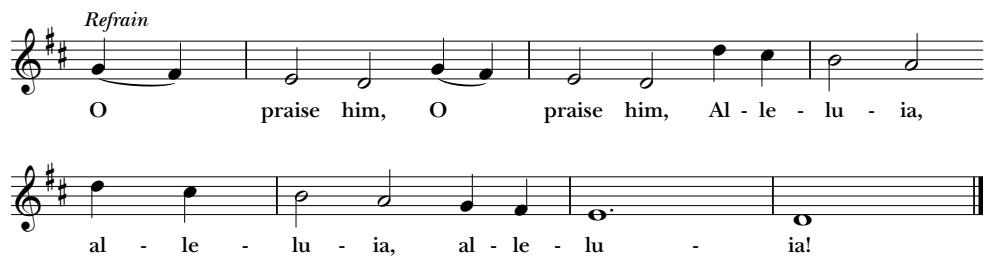
Sung by all.

Lasst uns erfreuen

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
5 part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer, p. 369

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL, S 128

Sung by all.

William Mathias



The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Presider Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

The Presider continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

INVITATION

Under much conversation right now is the question of whether bread and wine consecrated virtually is the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. At the moment our Bishop and Diocese is saying we understand the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist to happen with the gathered community and the priest together in the same space. But that being said, we would say that there is a sacred presence in any act that is responsive and revealing of the love of Christ. If you break bread or say the prayer for receiving spiritual communion, hold fast to Christ's presence in you already and let the church come to clarity over time in this conversation. If you still have questions about this, so do we. Bless you and this time. Amen.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

AT THE DISTRIBUTION, HYMN 746 (stanzas 3 & 4) [green hymnal] "God the sculptor of the mountains"

Sandria

Sung by all.

3. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er of the wheat,

God the ta - ble turn - ing pro - phet, God the res - ur - rect - ed Truth:
God the reap - er of the har - vest, God the source of all we eat:

you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER [Said by all.]

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 EASTER BLESSING

DISMISSAL *[The people respond,]*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.