



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Music Director

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent,
for this is a house of prayer for all people.*

PRELUDE

All stand as able and sing.

PROCESSIONAL | *Royal Oak* All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord 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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 17:22-31

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 PSALM | Psalm 66:7-18

The Psalm will be chanted by Kevin Anderson. Please join in if you feel so moved.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE | 1 Peter 3:13-22

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.**

All stand as able and sing.

THE GOSPEL | John 14:15-21

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Rev. Bob Farrow

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

**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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
for the 6th Sunday of Easter

from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the world, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Holy God, through the gift of your spirit we are given the ability to do what you ask of us, and the desire to respond with our hearts and hands. Give each person who hears this prayer the ability to live a life of discipleship and the courage to make a difference in the world. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the health and welfare of our nation, for the health and security of all nations and for those who have the authority to bring your vision of peace, prosperity, and safety to fruition. Bless us with the will to solve problems, care for the marginalized, and improve the lives of all people. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention and their families. We pray also for the children held in

detention across our nation. We pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick and for those who work to heal, that the pain and suffering of this world might be diminished. We pray especially for Katherine, Mary, and Charlotte. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are not safe at home, for those who have no shelter, for the hungry, the oppressed, the downtrodden, and the fearful. We pray for those who prey on the weak or seek to do harm that they might turn away from the darkness inside them and embrace the light of God's love. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, for those whom we remember and long to see. Give us hearts that rest in the hope of a future life lived in your presence. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Holy god, you are our strength and compass. Send us your spirit, your advocate to guide us in this life and strengthen us to love and serve you through service to your people. Be present to us this day and always, as creator, redeemer, and sustainer. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the

sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN | He lives!

See insert

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS | Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The people stand or kneel as able.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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:

Together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 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.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 155

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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant:

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 SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

All people are invited to receive Communion. The ushers will come stand by your pew, at which time you may go kneel or stand at the railing. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have mobility challenges and need communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Mother's Love

Performed by Kevin Anderson

1 O mother's love, sweet mother's love,
The gift divine from heaven above!
It lifts our thoughts to realms above,
And bids us see the good and right.
God knows the need of humankind,
The depth of sin our souls may find,
And so, to keep us pure and fair,
We have a mother's love and prayer.

2 O mother's love, the sweetest known,
The richest earthly gift we own!
Our grateful thanks shall clearly ring
To reach the throne of God, our King.
Our praise shall seek the Lord of power
For blessings known this festal hour,
For, far above all gifts divine
The love of mothers brightly shine.

3 O mother's love, so blest and true,
That guides and keeps our lifetime
through,
Through sacrifice and service dear,
Its depths of sweetness shine more clear.
It is to us a precious gift
That lives to bless and bends to give;
With lifted hearts we send above
Our gratitude for mother's love.

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

RECESSIONAL

| *Lasst uns erfreuen* All creatures of our God

Hymnal 400
vv. 1, 3-5, 7

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room,
to the left as you exit the nave.

St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Katherine Johnson, Mary Butcher, and Cavan Klein's girlfriend Charlotte. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Stafford Long, April Moore, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

VESTRY

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,
and Steve Morse
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Lynn Norris
Ushers: Charles & Lynn Norris
Virtual Ministers: William Morgan &
Steve Morse
Eucharistic Minister: Martha Dimon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson
Flowers: Margaret Zachry

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

- MAY 17: Bluegrass Sunday!
- MAY 20: Cookies, Crafts & Conversation 3 pm
- MAY 24: Pentecost/Whitsunday
- MAY 25: Memorial Day (office closed)
- MAY 27: St. Nicholas Game AFTERNOON 1:00 p.m.

The *Forward Day By Day* devotionals for May-June-July are out. This is a gift provided by St. Nicholas to all who wish to deepen their faith with a personal daily practice. They are in several locations in the narthex.



The **2026 Capital Campaign** has officially kicked off. You should be receiving a letter from Father Bob and the Campaign chairs in the mail soon, with a brochure and pledge card. If you'd like to go ahead and see more information on it, including how to play your part (no matter how large or small!) you can go to our home page: www.stnicholashamilton.org and look at the top menu for "2026 Capital Campaign." Everything you need is there, including FAQs and links to submit your pledge and payments electronically if you so choose.

You can always see Beth Brown or Jim Gilliam if you have questions. **Ready? Let's GROW!**

Sunday, May 24, St. Nicholas will be sending volunteers to [El Refugio](#), a hospitality house in Lumpkin that supports detainees at Stewart Detention Center and their loved ones through hospitality, visitation, support, and advocacy.

St. Nicholas volunteers will be assisting with housekeeping tasks like stripping beds and laundering linens. See **Margaret Zachry** for more information.

Other Ways to Support El Refugio

Write a Card to people detained and loved ones	Donate Household items	Prepare a Meal	Donate Gas gift cards	Financial Contributions
				

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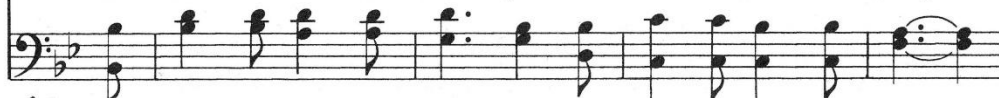
OFFERTORY HYMN | He lives!



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day;
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care,
3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Christ - ian, lift up your voice and sing



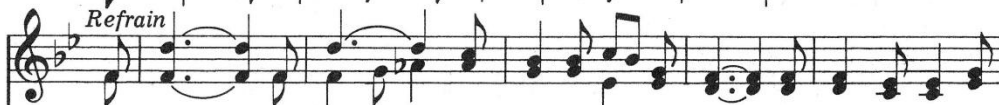
I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say;
And tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!



I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer,
I know that He is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast,
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,



And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.
The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.
None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.



He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and
He lives, He lives,



talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal-
He lives, He lives,

va - tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.

TEXT and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley

ACKLEY
Irregular meter

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