

# THE FALLS CHURCH

## EPISCOPAL

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*A welcoming community called to be an enduring  
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022

Prelude

Variation on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 400      All creatures of our God and King      *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Christ is risen

*People*      The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant*

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.

Gloria S-278

Glory to God

William Mathias  
(1934 – 1992)

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, 2      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.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

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.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*          Thanks be to God

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 67**

*Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Lesson (*seated*)

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Sequence Hymn 513    Like the murmur of the dove's song

*Bridegroom*

## The Gospel (*all standing*)

John 5:1-9

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for

thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

The Sermon

The Rector

*A period of silence follows the homily.  
Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.*

The Nicene Creed (all standing)

(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 Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*           And also with you.

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

9:00 a.m.

Trad. German Melody

*“Dona Nobis Pacem”*

Gideon's Trumpet

11:15 a.m.

*“Cantique de Jean Racine”*

Historic Church Choir

Gabriel Faure

(1845-1924)

*During the offertory you are invited to make a gift to God's mission at The Falls Church Episcopal through Realm (see QR code), on the website, by texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.*



### Give Now Online

You may "Give Now" electronically in one of three ways (1)

Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting

<https://onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/form/give/now> or (3)

Texting TFCE to 73256 to give by text message.

Presentation Hymn 213, v.5 Come away to the skies

Middlebury

*Hallelujah we sing,  
to our Father and King,  
and his rapturous praises, repeat:  
to the Lamb that was slain,  
hallelujah again,  
sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.*

## Sursum Corda S-120

Lift up your hearts

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in 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,

Ho ly, ho ly, 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.

*Then the Celebrant 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 as 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.

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 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.”

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.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant 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. Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our bishops; and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember those who are at the mercy of power imbalance and oppression, especially the women of this nation. Remember all who suffer from racist ideologies that plague our nation and the world. Remember the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially Aliceann, Claire, Rebecca, and Tyler. Remember all who have died, especially the victims of gun violence in Buffalo, Laguna Woods, and throughout this country.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with 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.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem S-171

Mason Martens  
(1933-1991)

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, alleluia,

is the communion of the body of Christ. [Ant.]

2. One body are we, alleluia,

for though many we share one bread. [Ant.]

## The Invitation to Communion

*All those who seek the Lord are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations (at 9 a.m.) or to the communion rail (at 11:15 a.m.) where the priest will offer you the host by placing the wafer in your outstretched palms. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice to your lips, tipping it slightly toward your lips, take a sip of wine, then tip chalice back toward the minister and release your fingers from the base of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, but would like to partake in this sacramental act, simply touch the chalice with your finger as the minister pronounces the words. Alternatively, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the minister will refrain from offering you the chalice. After receiving Communion, you may return to your seat.*

**Hymn 467**

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

*St. Bees*

**Hymn 409**

The spacious firmament on high

*Creation*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

(EOW)

*The congregation stands.*

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

**God of abundance,**  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Blessing**

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

**Closing Hymn 405**

All things bright and beautiful

*Royal Oak*

**Dismissal**

(BCP, p. 366)

*Gospeler*

Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Rondeau*

Jean-Joseph Mouret  
(1682-1738)

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**Celebrant**  
The Rector

**Preacher**  
The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski

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### The Parish Prayer List

**For healing in body, mind, and spirit**

*Immediate Needs*

Aliceann, Claire, Rebecca, Tyler

*Long-term prayers*

Dave, Elaine, Grace, Janice, Jason, Jonathan,  
Megan, Peter, Rita, Robert, Robin, Tom

*Family and Friends*  
Chris, Michael, Michael

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