



Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two without Communion
Sunday, May 5, 2024

The Word of God

Penitential Order

ENTRANCE HYMN (BCP p. 351)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 351)

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 351)

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Presider says

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

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20)*
(Powell) (BCP p. 356)**

The following is sung, all standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty 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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 98

Remain seated.

¹Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
²With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
³The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN (BCP p. 357)

All stand.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

All stand.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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 PRAERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader invites the People to prayer

In peace let us pray to God, saying “Alleluia! Amen!”

For your holy Church, in heaven and on earth, that it may be filled with the new life of the Risen Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Deon, our bishop, we pray to you, O God.
Alleluia! Amen!

For our city, our nation, and our world, that Christ may bring us out of the bondage of fear and establish us in justice and in peace, we pray to you, O God.
Alleluia! Amen!

For earth and sea and sky, and all their creatures, that all the world may be renewed in the power of Christ’s resurrection, we pray to you, O God.
Alleluia! Amen!

For the sick and the suffering, for those in any need or trouble, that their pain may be redeemed and raised up to joy in the saving love of Christ, especially (*names from the prayer list may be read here*), we pray to you, O God.
Alleluia! Amen!

For those who give thanks, for those in whom healing has begun, for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, that Christ’s joy may be in them and their joy may be complete, especially (*names and thanksgivings may be read here*), we pray to you, O God.
Alleluia! Amen!

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, that we may be united one with another and all with Christ in the eternal life of the world to come, especially (*names from the prayer list may be read here*), we pray to you, O God.
Alleluia! Amen!

The Presider adds the concluding collect

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Hear our prayers, and fill us with life to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Presider says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN (BCP p. 361)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Presider

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (BCP p. 366)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Upcoming Commemorations

Harriet Starr Cannon: Religious, 1896

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Julian of Norwich, Mystic and Theologian, c.1417

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop and Theologian, 389

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, Prophetic Witness, 1760

Friday, May 10, 2024