

The Order of Service: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Prelude *Arioso*

Craig A. Penfield

Dr. Gukhui Han

Opening Acclamation *(people unmuted)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Hyfrydol

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God 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.**

A Reading *Acts 10:44-48 (people muted)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Video – *O radiant light*

The Work of the People

A Reading *1 John 5:1-6 (people muted)*

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Lullaby*

Daniel Elder

Lullaby, sing lullaby
The day is far behind you
The moon sits high atop the sky
Now let sweet slumber find you
Away, away

Close your eyes, breathe in the night
A softer bed I'll make you
The trial is done, all danger gone
Now let far dreaming take you
Away, away

The day is done, and gone the sun
That lit the world so brightly
The earth's a-glow with speckled show
Of twinkling stars so sprightly
Away, away

Where the ocean is lapping at a soft, pearly shore
And the swaying palms napping as their
swinging fronds soar Now the dark night
approaches, yet so soft and so mild

Where the sunlight is beaming
Through a deep cloudless blue
And the treetops are gleaming
With a fresh morning dew
Where the mountains are shining
On the meadows below
In a brilliant white lining of a new fallen snow

Lullaby, sing lullaby
(Sleep, sleep)
Sleep, my child
(Now, my child)

The Gospel *John 15:9-17 (people muted)*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I 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. You 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

The Sermon *(people muted)*

The Rev. Dcn. Steve Alder

Silence follows the sermon.

Music *Romance*

William Grant Still
Paul Cotton (Saxophone) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

Affirmation of Faith *(people muted)*

**We believe in God
who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our understanding
and never kept within our dwelling places.**

**Our God is the mystery
of divine and human, bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.**

**Our God is the wonder
of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.**

**We celebrate this God
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,
stretching out beyond any barricades
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.**

(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)

Anthem *The Mystery of God*

Austin C. Lovelace
Malek Sammour, Soloist

As sunlight is to growing plant,
As earth is to the living tree,
As water to the land in want,
O life of all you are to me.

Beyond the range of mortal speech,
In vain my prayers I try to frame;
Yet still my spirit yearns to reach
The Mystery it cannot name.

As vital as the air I need
As infinite as endless space,
The life within the smallest seed,
Your presence everywhere I trace.

The Prayers of the People

(During the period of silence, you may unmute and add your own petitions. Please unmute for the response “Hear our Prayer.”)

I ask your prayers for the earth, especially for our farms and gardens and for bountiful harvests, remembering especially St. Luke’s teaching garden and its food ministry. Pray for all who till the soil.

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the water, for streams and rivers, lakes and oceans and for all the creatures that dwell therein. Pray that we may be good stewards of creation as we work to heal the planet.

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all mothers and grandmothers, and for every person regardless of gender or gender identity that cares for others as a mother hen cares for her brood. Pray for all who give protection, comfort and guidance to children.

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the nation's continuing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We remember those still suffering from anxiety and loneliness due to social distancing, for those who lost jobs, and for those who have died. Pray and give thanks for our friends and neighbors who continue their work on our behalf: service workers, public safety personnel, and medical professionals.

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

I ask your prayers for President Biden, for all members of congress, for Governor Newsom, and for Mayor Garcia. Pray that all elected representatives will work for the benefit of the many and that our differences will be healed.

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the church, for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishops John and Diane, for our clergy Jane, Nancy, Dean, Beryl, Peter and Steve, and for our Vestry and staff. Pray for this gathering and for all ministers and the people they serve.

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the sick, the poor, the hungry, and those in prison. For those without permanent addresses, and for those we minister to on Saturdays. Pray for those in any need or trouble including

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially...

Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

God of love and life, **Hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant God of love and life, God of the Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, inspire in us the desire to bear good fruit, fruit that will last. Give us servant hearts to strengthen our ministries as we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. We ask all of these things through the One who gave his life to bring us new life.

Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Over and around us lies

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
For all gentle thoughts and mild

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Sun and moon and stars of light

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn, our joyful hymn of praise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

Celebrant God 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 our 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and people unmuted:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people unmuted:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Lord's Prayer *(Please unmute and join in praying together)*

**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.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Drive-by Communion will be offered in the 7th & Linden parking lot from 11:30 until noon TODAY!

Anthem *How Beautiful*

Twila Paris arr. Lloyd Larson
Malek Sammour, Soloist

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the radiant bride Who waits for
her groom with his light in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That choose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

And as he lay down his life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

Special prayers, celebrations, and birthdays

Blessing of the People

May God, who has named you,
bless you, reminding you who you are:
a beloved child of God.
May Jesus, who walks with us,
bless us, calling us from fear to peace.
May the Spirit, who energizes all creation,
bless us, opening us to possibilities of new life. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude *Sunshine in My Soul*

Mark Hayes
Dr. Gukhui Han