



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
May 5th, 2024

The Word of The Lord

Prelude *Amazing Grace*

Dale Wood

Processional *New songs of celebration render*

Hymnal 413

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people of earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father: Amen.

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.*

The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

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

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Deacon: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott

Nicene Creed

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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 – Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *God So Loved the World*

John Goss

Presentation Hymn *Come, we that love the Lord*

Hymnal 392

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-128

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death

We proclaim his resurrection

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

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

BCP 364

Fraction Hymn *Christ our Passover*

Hymnal S-155

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymn *One bread, one body (Choir only)*

LEVAS 151

The love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal 456

Sending of Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant and People

In the name of this Congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

Hymnal 344

The Blessing

Sending Forth

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *Melita*

Wayne L. Wold

Mother Bonnie is out this Sunday on vacation.

All Saints welcomes today's celebrant, Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott.

PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER: Congregational Assessment Tool

As we begin a new strategic planning cycle, we're inviting everyone to complete the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument that will help our leadership team gauge our strength, vitality, and trends.

Our 3-week survey cycle begins on 5/10/2024 when you will receive an email with a link to tell about your experiences and priorities for our church. And if you don't feel computer savvy, we'll have workstations and folks to help you complete your survey on Sunday, 5/19. Plus, we'll have paper copies available at our CAT team table on Sundays. The important part is that we do want to hear from ALL of you!

All answers are strictly anonymous, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions, and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers. But please keep your answers confidential to avoid any possible influence on others' responses. We are trying to gather everyone's opinions.

If you have questions, please contact Mother Bonnie, at rector@allsaintswr.org, Bronwyn Young, at apbiorox@gmail.com, our Senior Warden, or the Church office, at office@allsaintswr.org or 478-923.1791.

All Saints Prayer List

All Saints Family

Nancy Barlow, Wayne Buzzell, Winnie Goldston, Caroline Horton, Clauradella Jeffers, Amy McEver, Fran Webb, Imogene Yongue

Friends and Extended Family

Shirley Bronte, Shirley Davison, Anne Dickey, Bill Felton, Sandy McCann, Lynn & Fr. Keith Oglesby, Eloise Pino, Kraig Sippell, Mallory Tucker, Tom Wukasinovich, Tony Zoumberis

Happenings at All Saints

TODAY:

- Covered Dish, following the service
- D&D - 1:00 pm
- May 10th: *CAT begins*
- May 12th: Mother's Day/Youth Sunday
- May 19th: Pentecost Sunday
 - Healing Prayers during service, First Communion of Natalie Buttersworth, Commissioning of Mary Christian and choirs
 - Episcopal 101 Inquirer's Class and Coffee Bar, after worship
 - *CAT workstations in the Parish Hall, with helpers!*
 - D&D - 1:00 pm
- May 26th: Trinity Sunday - Episcopal 101 Class and Coffee Bar, after worship
- June 2nd: Covered Dish following the service, *Final Day to submit CAT*
- June 7th: All Saints at Macon Bacon Baseball, 7 pm
- June 16th: Father's Day
- June 17th - 21st: Vacation Bible School

Weekly Events

- Sunday: Worship, 10:15; Children's Choir after worship
- Monday: Book Club, 4:00 p.m.; EfM, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: Food Pantry, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday: Noonday Contemplative prayer, 12:00-12:30 p.m.
- Thursday: Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday: Shawl Ministry, 10:30 am; Women's Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Monthly

- 1st Tuesday: Episcopal Church Women (ECW), 10:30 a.m. – Noon
- 4th Thursday: Men's Group, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

All Saints welcomes everyone to our events and activities

Lay Minister Schedule

	This week, 05-05	Next Week, 05-12
Acolytes	Amaya Rice, Maddie Rice, Camila Flores	All Teams Youth Sunday/Mother's Day
Altar Guild	Kaen Marks, Lillian Burton, Amy Floyd, Rita Tucker	Linda Christie, Mary & Carl Rogers, Linda Gerdes, Judy Reynolds
Coffee Bar		
Counters	Shelley Strickland, Marsha Buzzell	Pierce Christie, Darlene Meloche
Digital Ministry	Stephanie Johnson	Linda Gerdes
Eucharistic Minister	Buddy Park-L, Paul Davison-P	Paul Davison-L, Buddy Parks-P
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie Johnson	Anne Sanders
Friends	Karen Marks	Mary Alice Holland
Greeters	Wynette Ginn, Beverly Sanders	Craig Graham, Ken Hammond
Lay Readers	Judy Reynolds, Ellen Strait	Janet Peters, Kathy Power
Ushers	Jimmy Eubanks, Mike Ginn	Clifton Jeffers, Susan Wynn
<i>Food Pantry</i>		
Tuesday Distribution	Dawn Ray, Ashley Adams, Kathryn Buttersworth	Lillian Burton, Ashley Adams, Kathryn Buttersworth
Weekly Packing	The Crow Family	The Walton Family
Publix Pickup	Jimmy Eubanks	Sandy Lee

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