

CHURCH of the HOLY NATIVITY CLARENDON HILLS



Bateman, Robert. Pool of Bethesda. 1887.

HOLY EUCHARIST

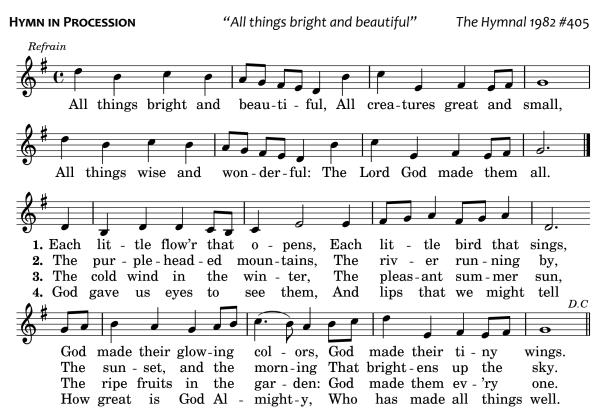
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, **STAND** as able as the ministers enter during the hymn.



Worship (4th ed.) 574

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Tune (ROYAL OAK 7 6 7 6 with refrain): English melody; adapt. by Martin Shaw, 1875-1958

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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.





Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y Godand Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther_



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer us;

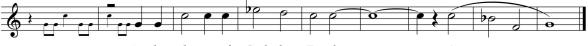


you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,





in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther._ men. 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**.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 16:9-15

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

Psalm 67



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THE PSALM

- 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.

(Last part of chant)

7 May God give us his | blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All **STAND** as able.



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 5:1-9

Deacon 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.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Bradley A. Linboom Rector

All **STAND** as able.

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 worshipped 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Dear siblings, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The God of peace has prepared for us such good things as surpass our

understanding, so let us rejoice, saying, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let

all the peoples praise you."

Intercessor By the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, teach your Church to walk in the ways

of Jesus. May the gospel be found in our minds, in our hearts, and on our lips.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People Let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide all the nations upon earth. We look for the day, O God, when all the peoples gather around your throne in praise and worship.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People Let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor O God from whom all good proceeds: bless the earth to bring forth her increase.

Guide all your people to honor you by caring for your creation.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People Let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor Give to our city, O God, your peace. Shine the light of your love on those places that are plagued by violence, hatred and sadness. Be merciful to us and bless us.

Silence

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People Let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor Almighty God, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Give to the sick and suffering a taste of the water of life. For the special

needs and concerns of this congregation: For Elizabeth & Matthew; R and J; Maria Luz & Eusebio (Acabel); David (Andrulis); Shain (Barry); Betsy (Bennett); Sarah (Booten); Judy (Brackett); Diane (Brodzinski); Gloria (Brown); Sarah

(Card); Pam (Cianci); Zeke (Colman); Gloria (Domrose); Rhyn (Gabriel); Evan (Georgi); Liz (Giacomelli); Fern (Harper); Sharon (Kingery); Brenda (Layne);

Gordon (Leipold); Elsie (Mann); Christine (Massie); Barb (Maves); Rosario (Medrano); Luis (Mendoza); David (Munneke); Gilbert (Orejudos); Temple

(Parker); Yetunde Grace (Peters); Fola & Yinka (Phillips); Eduardo, Laron, Milagros, Clemente, & "Tia" Maria (Rivera); Frank (Romans); Richard

(Schoenfeld); Charlotte (Sladek); Rachel (Snavely); Donna (Stasiulis); Peter (Thompson); Nancy (Vincent); Margie & Jeff (Wilson); Scott (Yerkey); John &

Joyce (Yurko) and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People Let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor Grant us, O God, by your great mercy, entrance into your heavenly city where we

might worship at your throne, see you face to face, and reign with you forever and ever. We pray for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People Let all the peoples praise you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord, be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are **SEATED.**



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

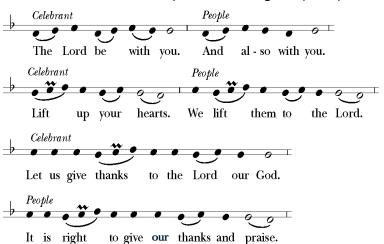
The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people are then **SEATED.**





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Eucharistic Prayer C (Trial use - dialogic response)



Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

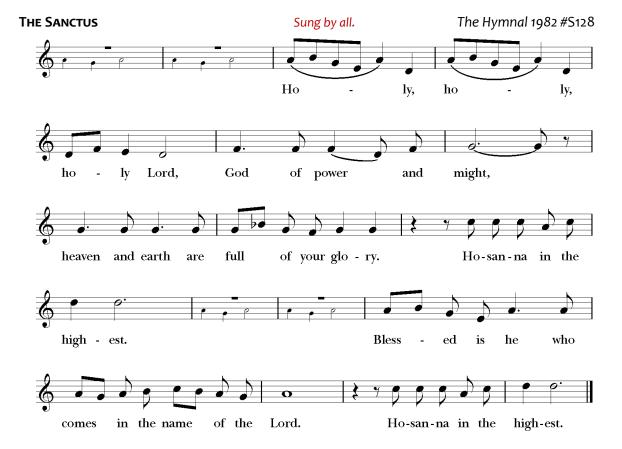
People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

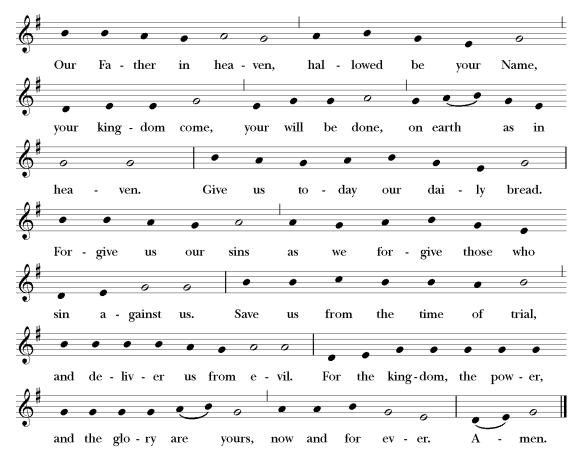
Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

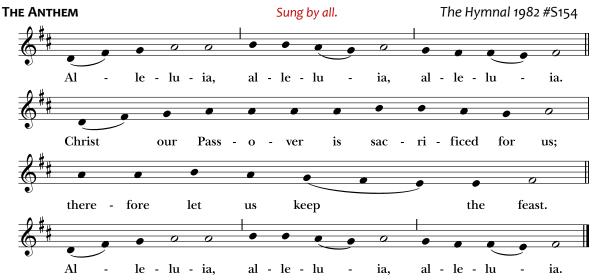
Sung by all.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



THE FRACTION

We observe a moment of holy silence as the Celebrant breaks the bread.



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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Children can now be picked up from the nursery for Communion. After receiving Communion children and youth may gather in the Ford Room for Sunday School.

About Receiving Communion

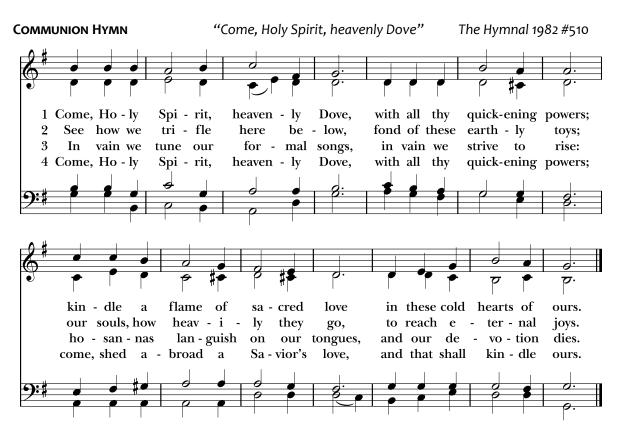
All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Follow the instructions of the clergy and/or ushers.

If for any reason, you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward.

Please cross your arms over your chest for a prayer of blessing to be said over you.

Please inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Saint Agnes, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE SENDING FORTH OF HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS

The Home Communion Ministers come forward at this time to receive Bread and Wine consecrated at today's Eucharist to share with people sick or homebound. All **STAND** as able.

Celebrant 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.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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

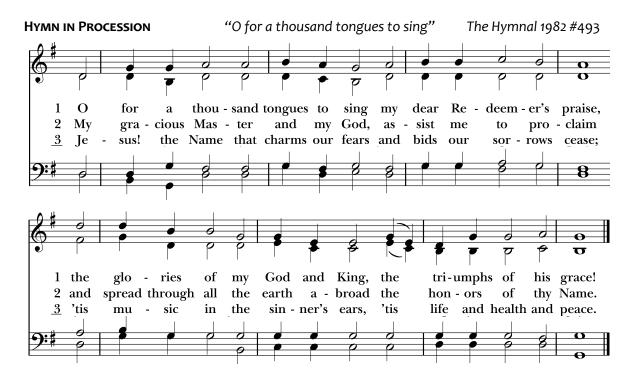
and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant offers a blessing to those assembled, the people respond **AMEN**.



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people with these or similar words.

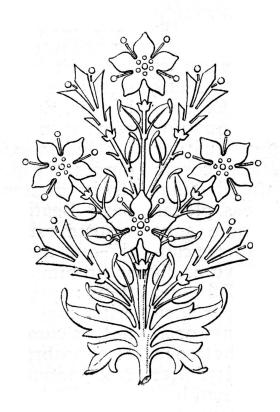
Deacon Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who

make the journey with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go

forth rejoicing in the Spirit of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE





Serving in Worship Today

Ushers Julie Bossert & Susan Dillon

Readers Alisha McCloud & Susan Parker

Intercessor Marian Gabriel

Acolytes Caleb McCloud & Quinn McCloud

Altar Guild Martha Garnett & Norma Hagstrom

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Jim Massie & Dave Siedlecki

Vestry Greeter/Closer Jeanne Widing

Sound/Livestream John Brackett

Altar Flowers Given by Jim Massie

In celebration of Christine's birthday



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