



CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins. During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.

Welcome and thank you for wearing your masks while inside the building. The Lector, Soloist, and Officiant will remove masks only when speaking. During hymns we will remain seated. As singing inside is not yet permitted, you are invited to silently read and meditate on the words during the hymns. For your responses, in bold print, please do respond quietly, God will hear you! At the end of the service, please be seated to wait for the ushers to direct you toward the exit. We will exit by pews out of the side door near the pulpit, beginning with the front pew on the left side. After the left side has departed, ushers will guide the right side of the church down the center aisle and across front of the sanctuary to the exit. We appreciate your patience.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 9, 2021

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – live streamed

The Word of God

Prelude: *Air and Gavotte in F* Samuel Wesley

Opening Acclamation *standing*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

*Refrain: O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams, (refrain)

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice, (refrain)

Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light, (refrain)

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: (refrain)

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 *sitting (see readings on last page)*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: *standing*

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

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

John 15:9-17

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Robin Teasley

Hymn 705 *As those of old their first fruits brought*

Forest Green

*As those of old their first fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our first fruits bring,
the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind, and heart, and hand.*

*With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to thee,
to serve thy cause
and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself
in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.*

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The Nicene Creed

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 VI *standing or kneeling*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (pause)

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Jeff & Lisa Geisz, Billie Goff, and Todd & Tina Graham. For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

We remember those who desire healing in body or spirit: We especially pray for for Melissa Aigner, Thomas Clark, The Rev. Donald (Donny) Dunn, III, Mary Villeponteaux, and Elaine Yeatts. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

I invite you to add your own petitions, either silently or aloud. (pause)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. I invite you to add your own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud. (pause)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Pidgy Betts from Bee and Morris Betts. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

Greeting and Announcements

Offertory Sentence
The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B *standing*

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 593 *Lord, make us servants* Dickinson College

Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing*
Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please be seated. The ushers will guide dismissal by pews.

Postlude: *On Lasst uns erfreuen*

If you would like to receive reserved sacrament, please contact the church office or Rev. Robin.

Lay Reader: 10:00 Bee Betts
Audio/Visual: Sean Little, Lee Adams, Bill Miller
Cantor: Donald Temple
Ushers: Bob Holleman, Ann Riggs, Gisela White

WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

The Rt. Rev. Susan Haynes	Bishop, Diocese of Southern Virginia
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Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality

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.

John 15:9-17

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.”