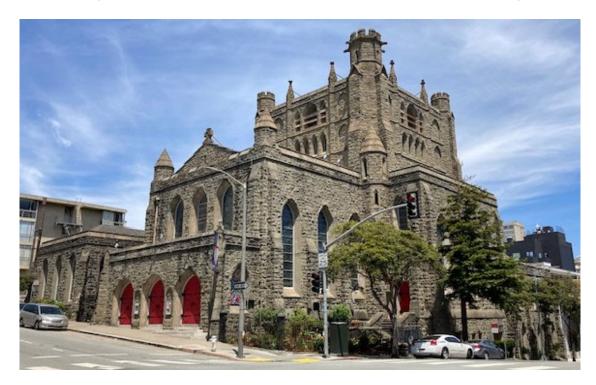
Trinity†St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Prelude: "Pastorale" Johann Sebastian Bach

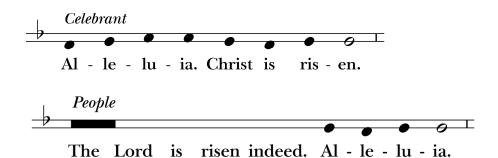
Holy Eucharist

Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the beginning of our worship.

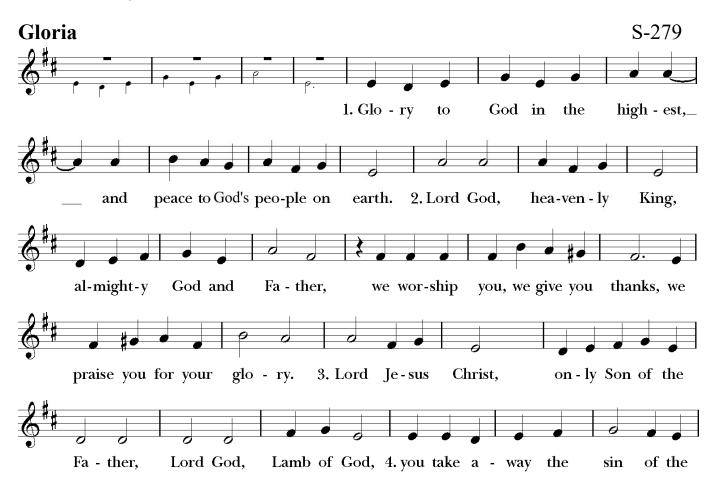


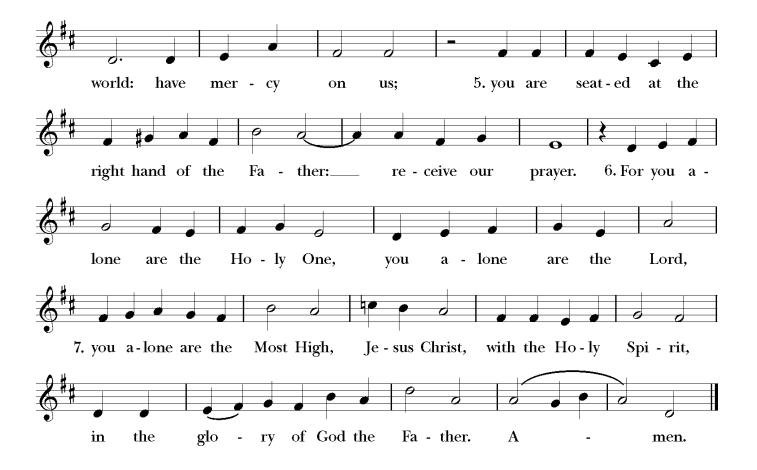
All remaining standing as are able,



Celebrant and People

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.





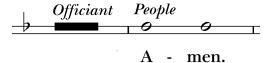
The Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.



First Reading Acts10:44-48

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 98 Cantate Domino

Refrain: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r, his saving pow'r.

The refrain is first sung by the choir, and then is sung by all immediately afterward and after each verse.

Verses:

- 1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won vict'ry for him, his holy arm. *Refrain*.
- 2. The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. *Refrain*.
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. *Refrain*.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the First Letter 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able.





Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

All remain standing as are able.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 379, verse 3 (page 6)

Sermon

Pause — a time for reflection

The Nicene Creed

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All stand as are able.









The Prayers of the People

All remain standing, as they are able.

Leader God gives what is good. Let us pray that this goodness of God flow through us into all the world, saying: Oh God, giver of love, hear our prayer.

Leader O God, your love is in motion. We praise the strength of your love. Where this is hunger, raise up you love. Where there is hurt and persecution, empower your love. Where there are false prophets, proclaim you love. Where there are lies, speak your love. Oh God, giver of love,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Where nations are angry and plot harm against one another, bring your love. Where governments lie and deceive, bring your love. Where powers cripple and destroy what you have made, bring you love. Oh God, giver of love,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Where the churches alienate one another, bring your love. Where our fears keep us from offering Christ to all the needy peoples, bring your love. When this assembly is marked by division and jealousy, bring your love. Oh God, giver of love,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader O Lord, increase our affection. Increase our compassion. Increase our joy. Show us those we do not see. Magnify our love. Oh God, giver of love,

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant and People

O God, we thank you for the power of divine love and for the presence of your love in one another. Guide us all finally into that greatest love who is Christ our Lord.

Peace

All stand as are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service, during which the people may be seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. In this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

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

Offertory Anthem: Aria (Duet) "Wir eilen mit schwanchen" from Cantata 78 J.S. Bach Raquel Taylor, Twila Ehmcke, soloists

Wir eilen mit schwanchen, doch emsigen Schritten, O Jesu, o Meister, zu helfen zu dir. Du suchest die Kranken und Irrenden treulich. Ach hore, wie wir Die Stimmen erheben, um Hulfe zu bitten! Es sei uns dein gnadiges Antlitz erfreulich!

We hurry with weak eager steps, O Jesus, O master, to your help. You faithfully look for the sick and straying. Ah, hear as we raise our voices to pray for help! May your gracious countenance give us joy!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we

have this bread to offer, which the earth has given, and human hands

have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we

have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine, and work of human hands. It

will become for us the cup of salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Pray, my sisters, and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be

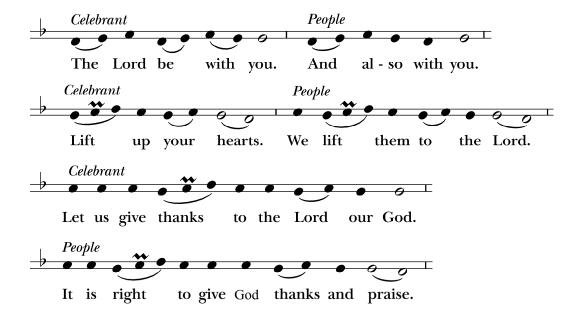
acceptable to God, the Almighty.

People May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands to the praise and

glory of God's name, to our benefit, and to that of all God's holy

Church.

All stand as are able.

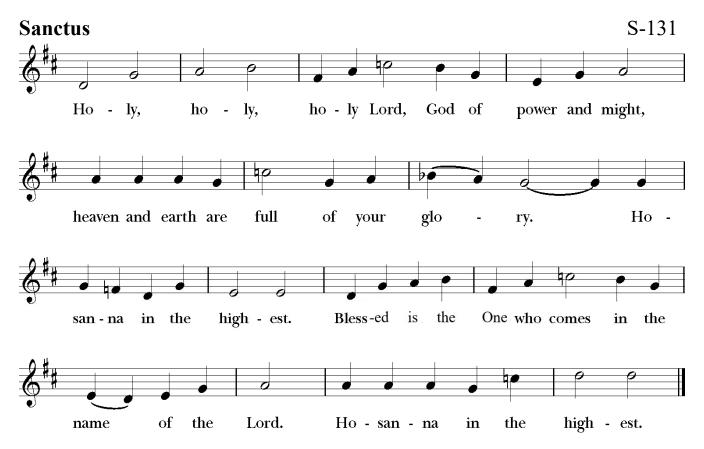


The Celebrant proceeds

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

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 many 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

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.



The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

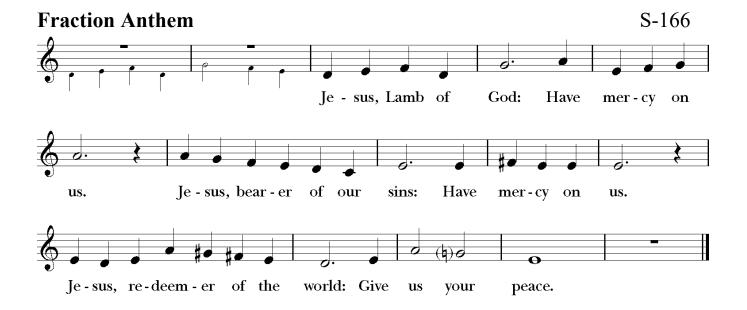
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

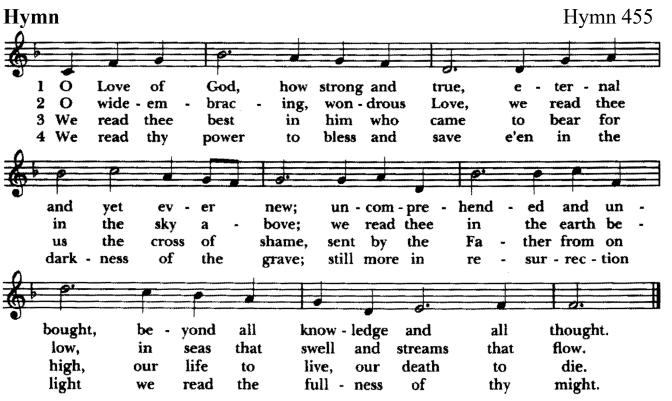
Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!



The Celebrant says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated; the usher will indicate each row for communion. All who feel called are welcome to receive communion; alternatively, you may cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive a blessing.





After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, all standing or kneeling as they are able

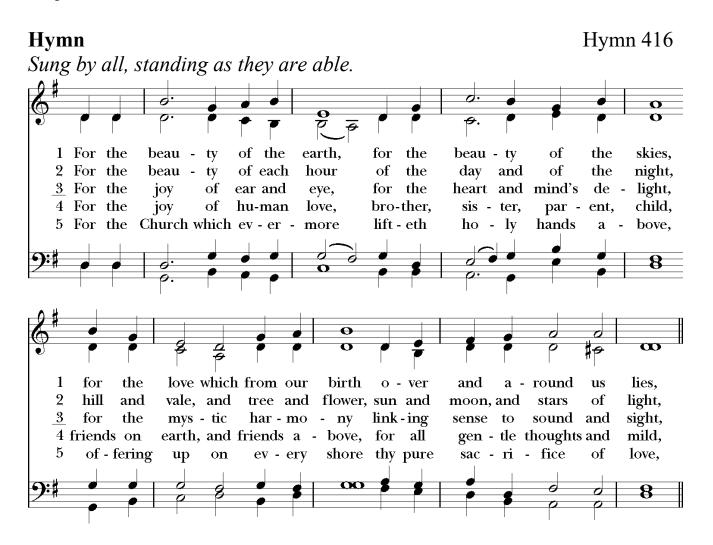
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

Blessing

Celebrant:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.





6 For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given, faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Improvisation

Future First Sundays Organ Recital, and Evensong, at 5:00 p.m., Spring 2024

Today Evensong with the Choir of Trinity†St. Peter's

June 2 Robert Gurney

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