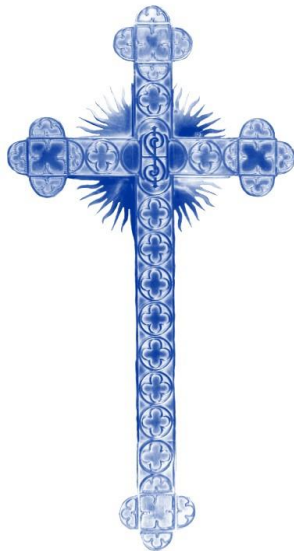


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

May 5, 2024 ✕ 10:30 am





# The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 291**

We plow the fields, and scatter

*Wir pflugen*

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-278\*

Glory to God

William Mathias

## 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.**

## The First Lesson

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.

## The Psalm

Psalm 98

*Cantate Domino*

**S 409**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 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.

**Hymn # 577** (vv. 1-2) God is love, and where true love is

*Ubi caritas*

## The Gospel

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.”

<b>Hymn # 577</b> (v. 3)	God is love, and where true love is	<i>Ubi caritas</i>
The Sermon		The Rev. Webster Gibson
The Nicene Creed		p. 358
The Prayers of the People (Congregational response: <i>Hear our prayer.</i> )		
The Peace		p. 360

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Choir Anthem	The strife is o'er	Henry G. Ley, melody by Melchior Vulpius, ed. Lionel Dakers
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP, p. 367
S-125*	Holy, holy, holy Lord	Richard Proulx
The Lord's Prayer		BCP, p. 364
S-155*	Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover	Gerald Near
The Invitation		p. 364
The Communion of the People		

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Kneel or stand as able.*

*Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

*As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.*

*To receive the wine:*

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

*Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

During Communion

**Hymn # 651**

This is my Father's world

*Mercer Street*

Post Communion Prayer

p. 366

The Easter Blessing

*Celebrant:* May 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

**Hymn # 593**

Lord, make us servants of your peace

*Dickinson College*

The Dismissal

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

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

\* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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***Ushers*** – Wilborn Roberson, Linda Miles, Sylvia Petrie, Archer Crebbs

***Acolytes*** – Jackson Stock, Maria Nelson

***Altar Guild*** – Polly Nesselrodt, Katy Schain

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