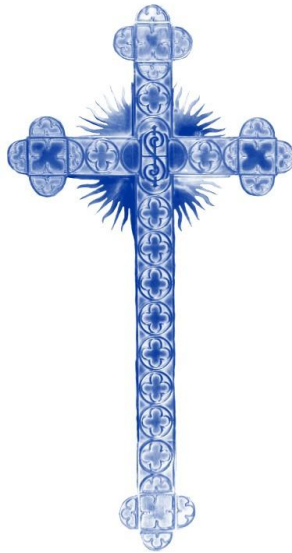


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

May 25, 2025 ✠ 10:30 am





# The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 48**

O day of radiant gladness

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*

Opening Acclamation

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**Hymn # 417** (v.2)

This is the feast of victory

*Festival Canticle*

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 16:9-15

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.

## The Psalm

Psalm 67  
*Deus misereatur*

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Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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

## The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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.

### **Hymn # 439 (vv.1-2)**

What wondrous love is this

*Wondrous Love*

### **The Gospel**

John 5:1-9

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.

### **Hymn # 439 (v.3)**

What wondrous love is this

*Wondrous Love*

The Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker

The Nicene Creed

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## **The Holy Communion**

The Offertory

Choir Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Somerset folk song  
arr. Alan Bullard

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Gerald Near

The Invitation

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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 chalicer. The chalicer 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 # 82**

Of the Father's love begotten

*Divinum mysterium*

Post Communion Prayer

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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 # 610**

Lord, whose love through humble service

*Blaenhafren*

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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***Prayers of the People*** – Christy Wade

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***Ushers*** – Pat Kofalt, Mari Kofalt, Joe Wingenbach, Pat Shaner, Jim Griffin

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***Altar Guild*** – Clare Dame, Pat Shaner

***Livestreaming Team*** – Phil Sargent, Jody Wall

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