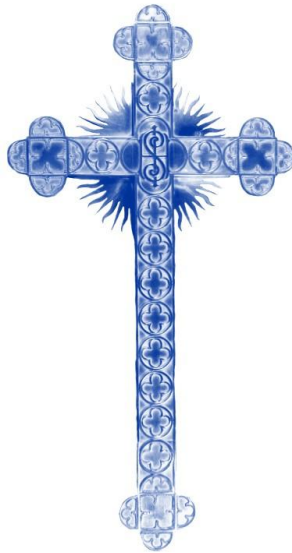


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

May 10, 2026 ✕ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 191 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise *Lux eoi*

Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 355

S-280* Glory to God Robert Powell

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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

The Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 7 Bless our God, you **peoples**; *
make the voice of his praise to be **heard**;
- 8 Who holds our souls in **life**, *
and will not allow our feet to **slip**.
- 9 For you, O God, have **proved us**; *
you have tried us just as silver is **tried**.
- 10 You brought us into the **snare**; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our **backs**.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and **water**; *
but you brought us out into a place of **refreshment**.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my **vows**, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in **trouble**.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of **rams**; *
I will give you oxen and **goats**.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, *
and I will tell you what he has **done for me**.
- 15 I called out to him with my **mouth**, *
and his praise was on my **tongue**.
- 16 If I had found evil in my **heart**, *
the Lord would not have **heard me**;

- 17 But in truth God has **heard me**; *
he has attended to the voice of my **prayer**.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**, *
nor withheld his **love from me**.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 631 (vv. 1-2) Book of books, our people's strength

Liebster Jesu

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my

commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Hymn # 631 (v. 3)	Book of books, our people’s strength	<i>Liebster Jesu</i>
The Sermon		The Rev. Debbie Rutter
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The Holy Communion

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

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

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

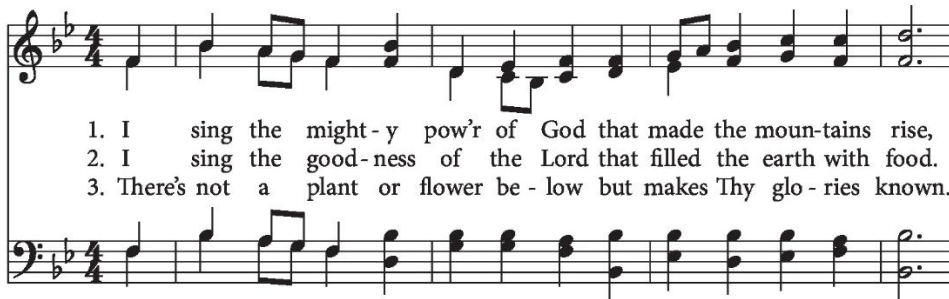
Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

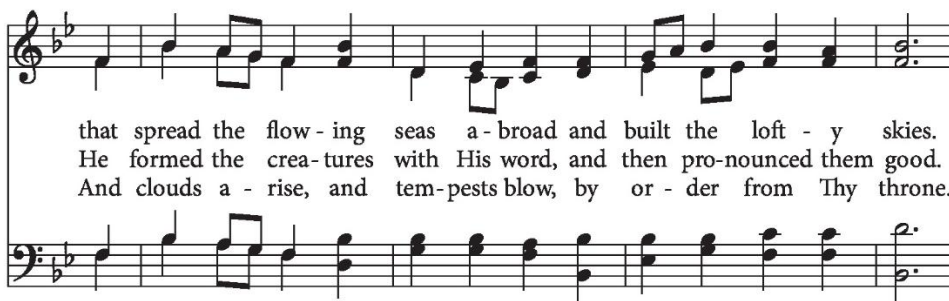
Isaac Watts, 1715

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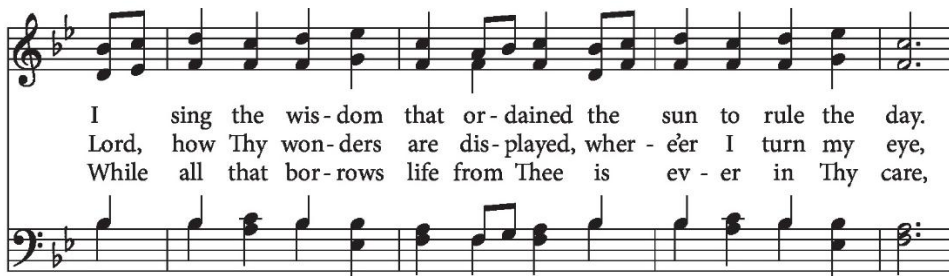
Vollständige-Sammlung, 1827
adapt. William Henry Monk, 1868



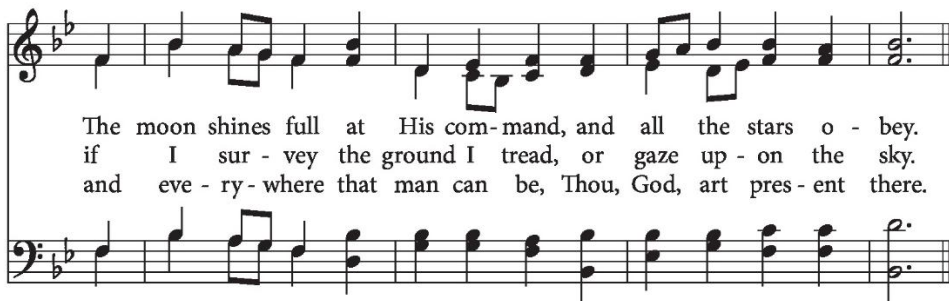
1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes Thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word, and then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from Thy throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-éer I turn my eye,
While all that bor-rows life from Thee is ev-er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at His com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky.
and eve-ry-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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 # 400

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

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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