

"As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you;

Abide in my love.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



SAINT JAMES
Episcopal Church

Sunday, May 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Services.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 | 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Liturgy of the Word

with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Opening Prayer

Processional.....Hymnal 379

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355

Deacon: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Deacon: 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 Gloria.....Hymnal S-280/BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Deacon: The Lord be with you

People: Also with you

Deacon: 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.*

Please be seated

The Lessons

First Reading.....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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Our Psalm for today is Psalm 98. Let us read in unison beginning and ending with the refrain.

Refrain Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the LORD a new song, *for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm *has he won for himself the victory. The LORD has made known his victory; *his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. 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. Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the LORD with the harp, *with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn *shout with joy before the King, the LORD. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, *and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world *and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading.....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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn (*please stand as able*).....**Hymnal 662**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon (please be seated)..... **Rev. Judy Quick, Deacon**

The Nicene Creed.....BCP 358

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 III.....BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Glenda our bishop, Brian our assisting bishop, Rob our priest, and Judy our deacon.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

The Peace

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

- A sign up sheet for lay ministry volunteers for May is available in Stough Hall. Please sign up to volunteer where you are able.

Offertory

Offertory Response..... *“All Things Come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.” Amen.*

Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Deacon: 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus.....Hymnal S129/BCP 362

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.

Deacon: We believe that in the Holy Eucharist, the elements of bread and wine are not mere signs, but that Christ himself is really present. In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

Deacon: We give you thanks, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls. We give you thanks that you have brought us together in this place to worship you. We give you thanks for the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us. We give you thanks that your eternal word was made flesh for us, and for Christ's life and ministry, death, and resurrection. We give you thanks that you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit. We give you thanks, O God, that through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance. Amen.

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

Deacon and People: 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.*

Communion Hymn 1.....Hymnal 577

Communion Hymn 2.....Hymnal 288

Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 365

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.*

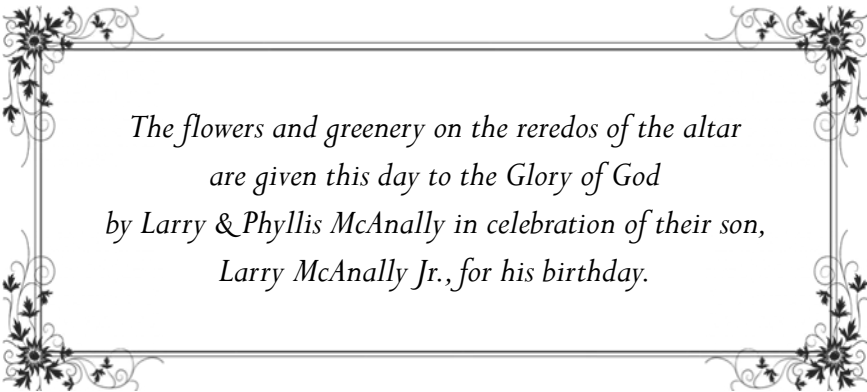
Blessing

Recessional.....Hymnal 657

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



*The flowers and greenery on the reredos of the altar
are given this day to the Glory of God
by Larry & Phyllis McAnally in celebration of their son,
Larry McAnally Jr., for his birthday.*

St. James Prayer Requests

The following parishioners, friends and extended family members are remembered in our prayers.

Our Parish Family

Jim Bent	Janice Boone	Alyce Carlisle
Florence Copeland	Faye Holliday	Susan Mange
Phyllis McAnally	Ann Regnier	Angie Smith
Jimbo Spencer	Sherwood Stewart	Judy Stone

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Family and Friends

Ann Phillips Arrington	Leslie Avel	
Ruth Barbee	Joe Beard	Nan Beard
Lauren Cessna	Tommy Chance	Johndra Culp
Jerry Dickson	Bob Dixon	Jane Fenwick
Joe Fenwick	Derek Fox	Katy Gaddis
Brenda Gainey	Vicki Galamore	Emiko Garner
Mary Garner	Joe Gassenheimer	Susan Hammock
Terry Holt	David Klotz	Carolyn Keesee
Tom Lamberth	Buddy Looney	Dale Martin
Carolyn Nalls	Mary Frances Nelson	John Nichols
Jayne Ogilvie	Jim Peace	Joe Peel
Dana Poisal	Eric Reutebuch	Chris Sheheane
Carol Sims	Richard Smith	Mary Taylor
Ann Grey Tate	Honey Trowbridge	Dot Vines
Nina Ware	Ronnie Weathers	Rusty White
Cyndi Wilson	Annette Worthy	Dave Young

Please keep all of our military personnel in your prayers. Please pray for the following active military personnel.

Drew Belcher	Alex Duldt	Orrin Harbol
Seth Harbol	K.C. Hollon	Paul Krattiger
Ryan Sullivan	Bo Shippen Waldo	Andrew Walker

We give thanks for the following parishioners and family members celebrating birthdays this week.

Bonnie DeNegre Bob Battistella

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Seminarians graduating in May and El Hogar and Farm School (Honduras). We also pray for St. Dunstan's (Auburn), Church of the Ascension (Birmingham), and Church of the Ascension (Montgomery).

Throughout the Anglican Communion we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Prayer for the Parish Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE REV. JUDY QUICK, DEACON

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Scotti Bozeman, Parish Life

Rick Gassenheimer, Outreach

Jill Hiers, Kitchen

Harry DeNegre, Hospitality

Susan Mange, Treasurer

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Readers	Diana French & Charlotte Bent	Phyllis Hurst & Bonnie DeNegre
Intercessor	Charlotte Bent	TBD
Server	Joanna Roberson	Carol Gowan & Gayle Bradshaw
Ushers		Rodney Meadows & Stuart Gannon
Coffee Hosts		Randy & Barbara Adair