



Holy Eucharist II

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

MAY 5, 2024

10:30 AM RITE II SERVICE

Welcome to St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church where we celebrate the glory of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service, and fellowship. We believe God calls us to grow by expanding our spiritual life, focusing our outreach, and increasing our ministry to one another.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Michael Delk
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Al Prichard
<i>Acolytes</i>	Carol Beall, Bob Acciavatti
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kathy Fedan, Florita Montgomery, Cheryl Prichard, Liz Smailes, Carol Roberts Spears
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Kisner, Fedan
<i>Eucharistic M.</i>	Grace Ayscue
<i>Intercessor</i>	John Beall
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Bill Haller
<i>Producer</i>	Kevin Steurer
<i>Readers</i>	Grace Ayscue, John Taylor
<i>Ushers</i>	Kathy Fedan, Susan Seitz
<i>Vestry Closer</i>	Nancy Mosser

*Flowers on the altar are given by Rose Marshall
in loving memory of George Marshall.*

The Word of God

PRELUDE

P. BOWMAN

HARK, THE GLAD SOUND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People may stand for praise.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#291

WE PLOW THE FIELDS

ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

#S 278

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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; re-
 ceive 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 225

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. *Amen.*

The People may be seated for the readings.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
 (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 Gen-
 tiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and ex-
 tolling 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 Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS 98

John Stainer, Anglican Chant **Tone 3**



*Sing the first |line to|gether * and then go|to the|se-cond|line.*

Sing to the LORD a nēw song; *
 for he-has done marvelous things.
 With his right hand and his holy arm *
 has he won-for him-self the victory.

John Stainer, Anglican Chant **Tone 3**



*Sing the first |line to|gether * and then go|to the|se-cond|line.*

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 be-fore the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all-that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell there in.

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.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF 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 command-
 ments. 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 be-
 lieves 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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN #412
EARTH AND ALL STARS

The People may stand when the Gospel is raised.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN (15:9-17)**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY THE REV. MICHAEL DELK

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

The People may stand for recitation of this historic Creed, continuing the journey in the tradition of our forebearers.

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 People may stand or kneel for the prayers.
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 **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Matthew**, our Bishop; **Michael**, our Rector; **Al**, our Deacon; our companion diocese, Colombia; on the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **St. Philip's, Charles Town** and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

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.

For **Audrey**; **David** Brookman; **David** Brown; **Sharon** Cook; **Linde** Crawford; **John** Crichton; **Jo** Corey; **Ginny** Dansby; **Rosa** Davin; **Angie** Dishauzi; **Irene** Evans; **Katie** Finklea; **Londia** Goff; **David** Hall; **Nathan** Harding; **Jerrey** Hoyt; **Jazzlyn** Hughes; **Michael** Hurst; **Vicki** Iber; **Sheena** Kennedy; **Carolyn** Kidd; **Carol** Klinke; **Mauree** Krofina; **David** Martinelli; **Molly** Martinelli; **Paula** Martinelli; **Melissa** Metheny; **Wes** Nugent; **Jeff** O'Neil; **Naomi** Roberts; **Earl** Shafer; **Jim** Sharley; **Spencer** Stemple; **Ruth** Stockwell; **Hayes** Theiling Schreurs; **Becky** Thurston; **Michael** Williams; **Mark** Wolfe; **Alice** Ballas; **Deborah** Bentley; **James** Berard; **Emily** Black; **Beth** Brown;

Jim Burnell; Kathy Calhoun; John Chanas; Jace Chitwood; Jimmy Clarke; Paul Durfee; Shirley Durfee.

Additional prayers may be offered at this time, either silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The People may stand. The Celebrant says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

*The Minister(s) and People exchange the Peace.
Then the People may be seated while the table is prepared.*

RECOGNITION OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday Prayer: Gracious God, as we rejoice in the birthday of [*this your child / these your children*], we pray that the year ahead will be one of blessing and peace, and that the year will bring continual joy in the knowledge of your steadfast grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays: *May 8:* John Stemple

Anniversary Prayer: Loving God, you have blessed [*this couple / these couples*] with the gift of marriage: we pray that they may continue to love, honor, and cherish each other, and that they will find in each other the reflection of your abiding and sustaining grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries: *May 9:* Eric & Renee Beard



The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

M. McDONALD

I WILL RISE

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul,
I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when he calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees and rise.
I will rise.
There's a day drawing near
when the darkness breaks to light,
and the shadows disappear
and my faith shall be my eyes.
And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

DOXOLOGY

#380 VERSE 3

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The People are invited to "Thanksgiving" (Eucharist)

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Celebrant 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:

All join in singing

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

#S 130

The People may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the

Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Thomas à Becket and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

#S 118

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

All say the Prayer together.

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.

THE FRACTION

#S 151

Cantor
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All
 keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

BCP 364

The People may be seated.

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

BCP 457

Everyone is invited forward to the altar rail. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not taking Holy Communion are invited to come up for a blessing; cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available. The wine is offered in two ways, a chalice for drinking and a smaller cup for intinction. If you abstain from wine for spiritual or health reasons, the fullness of Communion is offered in the bread alone.

*Once served, you may return to your seat.
 After all have been served, and the Table cleared,
 you will be invited to pray together.*

COMMUNION HYMN

#705

AS THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRST FRUITS BROUGHT

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

The People may stand or kneel. All pray together:

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.

THE BLESSING**CLOSING HYMN**

#610

LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

DISMISSAL

Deacon: [Gives the dismissal.]

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

W. HALLER

PRELUDE AND FUGUE ON BRYN CALFARIA

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today:** 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:00 am **Formation Class on Mark**
10:30 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II** (also on YouTube)
Coffee Hour
- May 6:** 5:30 pm *Finance Committee Meeting* on Monday
- May 8:** 12:30 pm *Backpack Feeding Program* on Wednesday at Scott's Run Settlement House
- May 9:** 7:00 pm **Ascension Day Holy Eucharist II** at Trinity Episcopal Church on Thursday
- May 12:** *Mother's Day*
8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:00 am **Formation Class on Mark**
10:30 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II** (also on YouTube)
Coffee Hour
- May 16:** 7:00 pm *Vestry Meeting* on Thursday
- May 19:** 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:00 am **Formation Class on Mark**
10:30 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II** (also on YouTube)
Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour
4:00 pm **Organ Recital** by Bill Haller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ascension Day:** On Thursday, May 9, 40 days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost, we celebrate Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended bodily into heaven. We will honor this occasion in the life of the Church with Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm. This will be a joint service with our brothers and sisters at Trinity, and we will be at Trinity for this sacred event.
- **Ministry Fair:** on Pentecost Sunday (May 19) after church there will be a ministry fair where representatives from ministries and committees will have information about ways to get involved at St. Thomas.
- **Organ Recital:** Dr. Bill Haller will give an organ recital at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 19, featuring music by Clerambault, Widor, and Sowerby.

OUR PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Michael Delk, *Rector*
The Rev. Al Prichard, *Deacon*

Dr. William Haller, *Director of Music*
Natalie Homer, *Parish Administrator*
Angela Carver, *Youth Formation Leader*
Bethany Kulchock, *Nursery Attendant*
Tyler Rigby, *Nursery Attendant*

OUR VESTRY

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