
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

WELCOME!

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning.

About Our Worship: As Christians in the Episcopal (*episcopal=church with bishops*) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship since the sixteenth century. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (*the work of the people in worship*) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story. You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

Worshipping with Children: We are delighted to have children in our midst no matter how squiggly they may be. Worship bulletins for children are located on the table in the rear lobby. Activity bags and a small library of books can be found right outside of the left door next to the piano. In order to reduce cross-contamination, each household has a designated bag. If you are new, we invite you to pick up a bag with a "New Friend" tag.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway behind the stairs. Exit through the front or rear doors and make a right at the double doors.

EASTERTIDE

Easter tide is a 50-day season lasting from Easter until the feast of Pentecost. It lasts 50 days because after the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost (the day the Holy Spirit descended onto the followers of Jesus). Eastertide is a festive continuation and observance of Christ's victory over sin, darkness, and death through his resurrection. The Paschal Candle—symbolizing the pillar of fire by which God led the Hebrews out of Egypt toward the promised land and the light of Christ that death cannot vanquish—sits prominently in the sanctuary among us to provide continuing inspiration for us to hear and discern what it means to be resurrection people. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold, which is the color of feast days and resurrection.

+You are invited to stand.

BCP=*Book of Common Prayer*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+Opening Greeting	BCP 323
Collect for Purity	BCP 323
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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer of the Day		p. 5
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+The Holy Gospel	<i>John 14:23-29</i>	p. 8
The Sermon	The Rev. Amanda Akes-Cardwell	

WE RESPOND TO GOD

- +Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed
- Prayers of the People
- The Peace

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

- +Offertory & Doxology

All things come of thee O Lord:
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 339
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	
The Blessing	

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

- +The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in joy. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

+ = You are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Piece

Boyce

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymnal 390

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory



One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 67

This psalm is a thanksgiving for a good harvest. In opposition to the Canaanite fertility religions, the Israelites centered their praise directly upon God and God's relationship to the people of the world rather than upon the processes of nature.

¹ Be merciful to us, O God, and bless us, *
show us the light of your 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 its increase; ***
may you, our own God, give us your blessing.

⁷ May you give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

THE SECOND LESSON *Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

The new Jerusalem coming down from heaven is the reverse of humanity's attempt to build a city and the tower of Babel to rise to God (Genesis 11:1-9). John uses images reminiscent of Ezekiel's vision of the new Jerusalem (Ezekiel 40-48) and the description of the garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-14).

He took me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its fruit each month. The tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and 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. Night will be no more. They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

vv. 1,2

+THE GOSPEL LESSON *John 14:23-29*

Jesus answers Juda's question about how Jesus will manifest himself to the disciples but not to the world. The question echoes the hope for an unmistakable external occurrence to convince the world. The disciples hoped for the coming of the Messiah to do this; the early Church counted on Jesus's second coming. Jesus promises an indwelling presence of both himself and the Father to those who keep his command. His abiding presence with the disciples after his return to the Father accomplished in and through the Advocate, as John calls the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives the gift of peace, not the superficial greeting and farewell of the world nor the mere cessation of warfare, but the peace of God promised as part of God's reign.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Beloveds, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. The God of peace has prepared for us such good things as surpass our understanding, so let us rejoice, saying, “Let the peoples praise, you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.”

Intercessor

By the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, teach your Church to walk in the ways of Jesus. May the gospel be found in our minds, in our hearts, and on our lips. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg and Iglesia La Ascención; Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring; Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park; Ascension Day; St. Augustine’s Church, DC.; and, Rev. Amanda and her ministry.

silence

Let the peoples praise, you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. We look for the day, O God, when all the peoples gather around your through in praise and worship.

silence

Let the peoples praise, you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

O God from who all good proceeds: bless the earth to bring forth her increase. Guide all your people to honor you by caring for your creation.

silence

Let the peoples praise, you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Give to our city, O God, your peace. Shine the light of your love on those places that are plagued by gangs and violence, hatred and sadness. Turn the sword of hatred and apathy into a plowshare of humility, honesty, passion for the welfare of all people. Renew the spirits of those weighed down by racism's insidious presence that joy might be their resistance and strength. Bring about justice and peace to the souls and families of those killed in Buffalo: Celestine Chaney, Roberta Drury, Andre Mackniel, Katherine Massey, Margus Morrison, Heyward Patterson, Aaron Salter Jr., Geraldine Talley, Ruth Whitfield, and Pearl Young. Be merciful to us and bless us.

silence

Let the peoples praise, you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Almighty God, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Give to the sick and suffering a taste of the water of life. We pray for those on our prayer list: **Lorraine, Natasha, Debbie, Tony, Laraine, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Dick, Tom, Vera, Betty, Sarah, Nancy, Sheila, Susi, and Lauren.**

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

silence

Let the peoples praise, you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Grant us, O God, by your great mercy, entrance into your heavenly city where we might worship at your throne, see you face to face, and reign with you forever and ever. For the dearly departed, we pray for Irene Savoy.

silence

Loving God, **make all things new.**

The Celebrant will add a closing prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other, you're invited to greet your neighbor in a spirit of peace.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God the first fruits of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money given. You may place your offering in the offering tray or scan the QR code to give securely online. We are grateful for your generosity.



CHORAL ANTHEM

God is Found in Teeming Jungles

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+THE DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of enslavement you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed and you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb, and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken, which symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Come to this table where the living Christ offers us bread broken for our journeying and wine poured out for our tears. Share together in this meal where loss finds comfort in promise and despair is transformed into hope. Whoever you are, whatever you bring, hear the risen Christ call your name; and accept God's invitation to new life.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Celebrant Behold who you are.

People May we become what we receive.

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to feast here. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Piney Song Book 70

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go My Children, with My Blessing Piney Song Book 35

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Lorraine Berry, Natasha Benn, Debbie Chaney, Tony Hackley, Laraine Tuttle, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Dick Leman, Tom May, Vera Otto, Betty Wilson, Sarah P., Nancy J., Sheila L., Susi W., Lauren M.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr.

First Responders: Matt Bachman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, Butch and Janice Keirse, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Connor Runser, Luke Smith

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg and Iglesia La Ascención; Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring; Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park; Ascension Day (May 26); St. Augustine's Church, DC;

Dearly Departed: Irene Savoy

Community and World: the people of Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, and Yemen; those suffering from COVID-19; the people of Buffalo

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

This Week's Reflection Questions

When Lydia hears the gospel, she becomes the first Christian in Europe. Led by the Spirit, Lydia's faith is decisive and her witness is immediate. The word opens her heart in love, and she opens her house in hospitality in service of the gospel. How might Lydia's witness excite your sense of ministry and mission this day? Where might you find someone searching for God's word?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Spirit, enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's, that through deepened prayer we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, it is night and the time for rest has come. We have served you in love this day and for this we give you thanks. Do not leave us comfortless, but send your Spirit to abide with us as we trust in you this night. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST WORSHIP & PICNIC

Save the date! Join us June 5 for one worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by picnic and games at 10:30. Pentecost is the day Jesus's Spirit descended on all his followers giving birth to the Church throughout all ages.

YARD SALE

Our yard sale benefiting community and outreach ministries will be held on Friday, June 3 & Saturday, June 4. We are now accepting donations for the yard sale.

Volunteers Needed!

MSP SCHEDULES

In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, please log into your Ministry Scheduler account and update your "can't serve dates" for June, July & August by Monday, May 23. Please note that during the summer there will be one service at 9:30 a.m. You may also contact the office for schedule availability. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 p.m. Wholehearted Faith Book Group
8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, May 28

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, May 29, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP

	May 22, 8:00	May 22, 10:15
Acolytes		Colin Finley Grant Pettersen Troy Pettersen
Chalice & 2nd Lesson		Debbie Brown
Prayers of the People	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Frank Pilato
1st Lesson & Psalm	Fern Brown	Karen Hunter
Ushers	Freddie Jewell Vicky Mumford	Jim & Karen Hunter
Live Stream		Greg Ferguson
Coffee Hour	Dorothy & Richard Moore	AVAILABLE
Altar Guild	Mary Fenton, Judy Hamilton	
Counters	Greg Ferguson, Cheryl Williams, Sub Requested	
	May 29, 8:00	May 29, 10:15
Acolytes		Emily Lopez Kayden Lyon Sub Requested
Chalice & 2nd Lesson		Greg Ferguson
Prayers of the People	Sewell Truitte	Sewell Truitte
1st Lesson & Psalm	Fred Ritter	Jenna Monroe
Ushers	Fern Brown Vicky Mumford	Anita Wilson Michelle Wilson
Live Stream		Tom Gryn
Coffee Hour	Darlene & Joe Guy	Kathy Fornadley
Altar Guild	Mary Fenton, Judy Hamilton	

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