

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

9:15 am



*An Order for Holy Eucharist*  
**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

*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.*

~John 15:15

**Welcome!** This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

Within the rubrics of "An Order for Eucharist" in our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the form for worship for this service has been adapted from the "Eucharist for Creation and Redemption," A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 467-473.

*This service is not livestreamed or recorded.*

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## The Ministry of Word and Prayer

### The People Gather

*All standing, the presiding priest or minister says*

#### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Glory to you, O God,  
*People* **who gives us the Way of life in Christ.**

Song of Praise "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing" *Hymnal 1982 #182 vv. 1,3&5*

1. **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.**
3. **Not throned above, remotely high,  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily in the midst of life,  
Our Savior with the Father reigns.**
5. **Christ is alive! His Spirit burns,  
Through this and every future age,  
Till all creation lives and learns,  
His joy, his justice, love, and praise.**

#### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* 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 congregation sits.*

### The Proclamation

From the Epistles

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Spirit of the living God,  
Fall fresh on me. (x2)  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall fresh on me.**

*Repeat*

### Gospel Proclamation

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to John.

John 15:9-17

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Homily

*Children are invited forward for a children's message. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.*

### We Respond to the Good News

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

*Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.  
Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:

Father, help us to know new life in the risen Christ.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care for its resources.**

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others  
**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Help us have your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Comfort those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence:**

**your love in our hearts,**

**your truth in our minds,**

**your strength in our wills;**

**until, at the end of our journey,**

**we know the joy of our homecoming**

**and the welcome of your embrace,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sharing in Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow.*

## The Ministry of the Lord's Table: Holy Communion

*In this community, all are welcome at the Lord's table, the altar. All are invited to come forward during the Song of Offering, following the gifts as they are brought to the table to consecration.*

*All who are drawn to God in the way of Christ are welcome to receive the Host. Directions for receiving are found after the Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread.*

Song of Offering

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

LEVAS #136

1. **I have decided to follow Jesus.** (x3)

**No turning back, no turning back.**

2. **Though no one join me still I will follow.** (x3)

**No turning back, no turning back.**

3. **The world behind me, the cross before me.** (x3)

**No turning back, no turning back.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(standing)*

*This Great Thanksgiving is adapted for children this Easter season from various sources: "Thanksgiving of the People of God," ANZPB pp. 422-423; EOW, Prayer 1)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is our joy and salvation, holy, everliving God, always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

For You are the source of life and goodness. Through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

Now, in the power of endless life  
**Christ is risen from the grave.**

His death has broken death  
**and opened for us the new and living way.**

Christ is now our peace,  
**our freedom and our joy.**

And so, we join with the angels and all the company of heaven as we sing:

*(Sung to "Land of Rest")*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosannah in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosannah in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we ask You, Holy One of blessing, be among us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ was promised,  
Christ is born,  
Christ will be with us again.**

We celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer to you through Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the body

and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessed are You, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

*On receiving Communion – To receive the receive the bread, which is considered full participation in the sacrament of Holy Communion, please come to the rail and stand or kneel. Wine is available from the chalice or in individual serving cups. If you would prefer a priestly blessing without receiving the bread, please place your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request at the rail.*

Song during Communion

“Let us break bread together”

*Hymnal 1982 #325*

1. **Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

*Refrain: When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2. **Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

*Refrain*

3. **Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.**

*Refrain*

Prayer After Communion

**Creator of all, giver of life,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off,  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Born into the world, living among us,  
dying and yet alive again,  
he declared your love, gave us grace  
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

*A blessing may be given.*

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says*

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

1. **This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine. (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
2. **Ev’ry where I go,  
I’m gonna let it shine. (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
3. **Jesus gave it to me,  
I’m gonna let it shine. (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

*The congregation is sent out with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*All are invited...*

*to join the various programs and discussions as outlined in the announcements. Today, please join in the refreshments and activities for children and adults following this service.*

*Serving this morning:*

Director of Music

Jared Agee

Altar Guild

Rich Englebach, AnnMarie Stanton, Lance & Mary Donaldson-Evans

Family of the Week

Verger

Rich Englebach

Chalice bearers

Agnès Wozniak, Kristine Golden

A/V Ministry

Mason Hartley

Fr. Ted, preaching and presiding

*Vestry Members and Officers*

Rebecca Clemmer (Rector's Warden) \* Bill Scarborough (People's Warden)

Jay Gillespie (Treasurer, non-voting) \* Sharon Graham (Secretary)

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Andy Millett \* Suzanne West \* Jeff Orlando \* Agnès Wozniak

*Rector* The Rev. Edward E. ("Ted") Thompson, Ph.D.

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