



Sixth Sunday of Easter ☩ May 5, 2024
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ☩ 10 a.m.

PRELUDE "Pavane"

Gabriel Fauré

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

The people's responses are in bold.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMNAL S 236

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise *Benedictus et Domine*

John Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated

THE LESSON Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

PSALM 98 *Please remain seated. Read responsively by whole verse.*

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.**

HYMN 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace (stanzas 1 and 4)

Dickinson

Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
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 our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Canon Lucy Amerman

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Please remain standing.

The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. remembering especially Natalie Blumenthal, Foster Nichols, Brian Ward, and the needs and concerns of others on our parish prayer list.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give toward the continuing work of Ascension as the Body of Christ in the world.

In addition to giving in the offering plate, you can make a gift by texting "AscensionDenver" to 73256 or visit www.ascensiondenver.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Rachel Aarons

Please stand as the offering is presented.

PRESENTATION HYMN 210

The day of resurrection! (stanza 3)

Ellacombe

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.**

Children are invited to gather around the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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 give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel or remain standing.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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."

Bells are rung.

After supper Jesus 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."

Bells are rung.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Bells are rung.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God Agnus Dei Franz Peter Schubert; arr. Richard Proulx

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail where you will receive the consecrated bread, followed by the consecrated wine if you choose to receive it. We do not offer intinction at this time. Please remember that communion in one kind is full communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please indicate if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Sung by all, seated.

HYMN 413 New songs of celebration render *Rendez a Dieu*

HYMN 455 O Love of God, how strong and true *Dunedin*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessings

Sicilian-Mariners

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE "Pasticcio"

Jean Langlais

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Garrison L. Horle; **Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Lucy S. L. Amerman; **Crucifer:** Knox Dougan; **Torchbearers:** Warren Knowlton and Maddie Simpson; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Jan Douglas and Chris Nazar; **Lector:** Patrick Williams; **Intercessor:** John Douglas; **Musicians:** Dr. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, *Organist and Director of Music*, Ascension Parish Choir, and Jessie Rember, *flautist*; **Ushers:** Hank Dougan and Chris Miller; **Livestream Assistant:** Walt Smith

Altar Guild: Kelly Monroe and Kathleen Reilly

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THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, remembering especially Diane Anderson, Natalie Blumenthal, Jean Brown, Julia Brown, Agostino Burzio, Lynne Chmelar, Paula Christopoulos, Michael Curry, Elinor Davis, Courtney Echerd, RJ Graham, Helen Gscheidle, Barry Hansen, David Johnson, John Klockentager, Nancy Lamont, Gregory Lemos, Celeste Lythgoe, Jim Macdonald, Jim Menne, Lisa Mikolajchak, Don Morrison, Helen Morrison, Mark Nachtigal, Foster Nichols, Meg Nichols, Jamie Ross, Buzz Schaumberg, James Sullivan, James Terrell, Bow Urbana, Michel Vallée, Betsy Wahlberg, Maura Walsh, Brian Ward, George Weaver, Peter Westwood, Bert, Juan, Nancy, and the victims of the turmoil in Haiti and the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine. We pray for those who are expecting children, remembering especially Kelly and Charlie Blanchard, Kirsten and Misha Calkins, Carey Leigh and Dutch Crews, Morgan and Monet Duval, Amy and Mike Gentile, Catherine and Schuyler Grey, and Georgia and Paul Troy. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Bill Dorn. In the Parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those celebrating birthdays in May, remembering especially *Henrietta Thompson and Stephanie Stapleton (May 1)*; *Mia Melano (May 2)*; *Jamie Fitzgerald, Heather MacKinnon, Kelly Monroe, and Tyler Ray (May 4)*; *Peter Howard (May 5)*; *Kellie Shopneck (May 6)*; *Anna Scott Arnold, Ella Kundts, and Ann Wilschke (May 7)*; *Scarlett Banks and Scarlett Wiedenmayor (May 9)*; *Joe Elliott (May 11)*; *Cynthia Shannon (May 13)*; *Fisher Cox and Dusty Healey (May 15)*; *Eliza Perkins (May 16)*; *Ellie Caulkins (May 17)*; *Scottie Fitzgerald (May 18)*; *Kenna Healey and Kate Horle (May 22)*; *Lily Freeman (May 23)*; *Suzy Whittemore (May 24)*; *Henry Caulkins (May 26)*; *Tom Mahoney (May 27)*; *Kane Turner (May 28)*; *Julia Brown and Mary Ruth Schaumberg (May 29)*; *Patrick Cowan, Jim Macdonald, and Emily Sims (May 31)*; for our music ministries: *Ascension Ringers, SONshine Singers, and Parish Choir members Kirsten Calkins, Christi Canada, Joan Casey, Ellie Caulkins, Marilyn Chappell, Neal Connor, John Douglas, Molly Freeman, RJ Graham, Doug Herman, Sarah Herman, Doris Kimbrough, Becky Knowlton, Ken Martin, Chris Olson, Buzz Schaumberg, Mary Ruth Schaumberg, Cat Scheer, Teva Scheer, Cynthia Shannon, Betsy Wahlberg, Brian Ward, Seth Wiggins, Molly Williams, Patrick Williams, and Cindy Lindeen-Martin, Director of Music and Organist; and for the work of our mission partner Locally Haiti. In the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Vail; St. Andrew's, Manitou Springs; St. Michael & All Angels, Denver; Trinity, Greeley; and THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (May 9). Names in italics are new to the prayer list this week. Names which have appeared on the prayer list for three months will be removed unless otherwise requested. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the Parish Office to request new prayers and earlier removal or extension of existing prayers.*



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and from where we are called to share God's love in the church and in the world

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