

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

John 14:27a

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday
Holy Eucharist
May 26, 2019, 10:30 am

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**. The initials "SH" refer to page numbers in the small Supplemental Hymnal in the pew racks.

The Word of God

Hymn: *All Things Bright and Beautiful (we stand)*.....405

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Glory to God.....S 280

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 Lessons (*we sit*)

The First Lesson – Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of

Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 67

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his 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 her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle Lesson – Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On

either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of 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. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: *O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown (we stand)....292*

The Gospel – John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Tiffany Chaney

The Nicene Creed (*we stand*)

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, page 387 BCP)
(*We stand or kneel.*)

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;
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.

Silence

Here in our parish, we pray for **Brian Hudson, Jere Van Etten, Greg Dubay, Barbara Trogdon, Laura and Russell Foss, John Haynie, Mike Oniffrey, Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, David Hodges, Dwight and Barbara Garnett, Charlie Hayes, Hayes McKay**, and the others whose names we call.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *(we stand or kneel)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

Hymn: *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord*.....SH 10

We stand

Presentation: *All Creatures of Our God and King*400:1

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 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.

(The priest says a Proper Preface)

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*.....S 125

We stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. We keep a
period of silence.*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: *Christ Our Passover*.....S 155

We are delighted to welcome The Rev. Tiffany Chaney as our supply priest today. Tiffany is the pastor/mission developer of Gathered by Grace, a newly forming Montgomery worshipping community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is the communication director for the African Descent Lutheran Association.

Join us in the Little House next Sunday, June 2 at 9:30 am. Kay Dickey will conclude her series “Discussions of the Saints” with a conversation about Mother Teresa. This will be the last Sunday School lesson before we break for the summer.

This is a busy week liturgically. Today we celebrate Rogation Sunday, which is why we’re singing so consistently today about the beauty and majesty of creation. Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, marking the day when Jesus Christ physically ascended into heaven. Friday is the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin, celebrating the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth. Mary was pregnant with Jesus, and Elizabeth was carrying John the Baptist. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, baby John “leaped in her womb.” Elizabeth loudly exclaimed her blessing on Mary, and Mary responded with the song of praise we call the *Magnificat* (Canticle 15, p 91 in the BCP).

Save the date: on Wednesday, July 3, just in time for the holiday, we will sell slow-smoked Boston butts as a fund-raiser (thanks to master chef Darrell Wilson). Proceeds will go toward the recent repairs to the HVAC system in the nave.

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.

Communion Hymn: *Peace I Give To Thee*.....SH 29

After Communion, we stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

**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

Hymn:

This Is My Father’s World (we stand).....(attached sheet)

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: Laura Williams and Barbara Trogon
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones
Lay Reader: Lee Borden
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mike Rallo
Refreshments: Kay Dickey
Grounds: John Haynie and Mike Rallo

And next:

Ushers: Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Harber
Lay Reader: Kay Dickey
Officiant: Lavonne Hart
Refreshments: Elizabeth Harber
Grounds: Maurice McCord and Lee Borden

This is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock
4th Verse: Amy Grant

Capo 2

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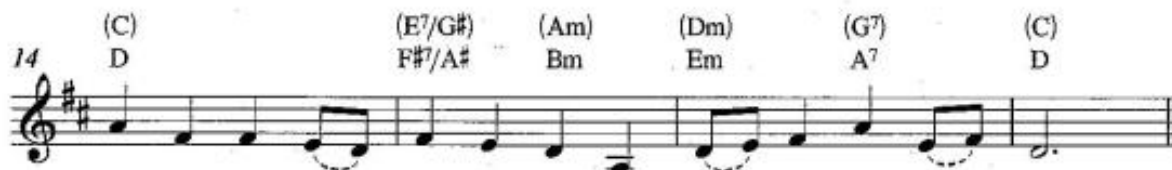
1. This_ is my Fa-ther's world: And_ to my list'-ning ears, all
2. This_ is my Fa-ther's world: The birds their ca - rols raise; the
3. This_ is my Fa-ther's world: O_ let me ne'er for - get that
4. This_ is my Fa-ther's world: Why_ should my heart be sad? The



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic_ of the_ spheres.
mor - ning light, the_ li - ly white de - clare their_ Ma - ker's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is_ the_ Ru - ler_ yet.
Lord is King; let the hea - vens ring! God reigns let the earth be_ glad!



This is my Fa-ther's world: I_ rest me in the thought of_
This is my Fa-ther's world: He_ shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -
This is my Fa-ther's world: He_ shines in all that's fair; in the



rocks and trees, of_ skies and seas; His hand_ the won - ders_ wrought.
rust - ling grass I_ hear him pass, He speaks to me ev'-ry - where.
sus who died shall be sa - tis - fied, and earth and hea - ven be one.
rust - ling grass I_ hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev'-ry - where.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock Tune: TERRA BEATA
Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard