

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021



*St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Lakewood, Ohio*

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## The Holy Eucharist

*livestream begins at 9:50 a.m., and the service at 10:00 a.m.*  
*The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:*  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl\\_s7g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g)

*The priest will offer a few announcements.*

**Voluntary**

Jubilate in D

Roy Douglas  
1907-2015

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*The Congregation says together*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death,

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## **Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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**

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. *(Acts 10:44-48)*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silent reflection follows the reading.*

*The appointed Psalm will be recited by everyone in unison*

### **Psalm 98**

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.

- 4 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.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter of John

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 commandments. 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 believes 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. *(I John 5:1-6)*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silent reflection follows the reading.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*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.” (John 15:9-17)

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** *The Rev. John Keller*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us proclaim our faith together.

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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, any kind of trouble and those suffering from COVID 19;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, Arthur and William our Bishops and all bishops,  
John our supply priest and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially the sick ...

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this Life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

Lord Jesus Christ you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Peace of Christ be always with you  
*People* And also with you

*All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **At the Offertory**

Hymn #348 *Lord, we have come at your own invitation* O quanta qualia

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| 1. Lord, we have come at your own invitation,<br>chosen by you, to be counted as friends:<br>yours is the strength that sustains our vocation,<br>ours a commitment we know never ends. | 2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention<br>ever to cherish the gifts you provide;<br>teach us to serve without pride or pretension,<br>led by your Spirit, defender and guide.      |
| 3. When, at your table, each time of returning,<br>vows are renewed, and our courage restored:<br>may we increasingly glory in learning<br>all that it means to accept you as Lord.     | 4. So, in the world where each duty assigned us<br>gives us the chance to create or destroy,<br>help us to make those decisions that bind us,<br>Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy. |

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

*Celebrant and People together pray:*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*People remain standing and the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Peter and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant and people say*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## At the Communion

Improvisation on Hymn #706 *In your mercy, Lord, you called me* Halton Holgate

### **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion** *10:00 service only*

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

O Lamb of God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, my heart offers you praise and thanksgiving. I love you above all things, and I earnestly desire to receive you into my soul. May my soul be fed by this spiritual food, and may my heart know you more dearly in the breaking of this bread. Amen.

*The priest now partakes of the Sacrament on behalf of the dispersed community*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

Lord Jesus Christ, giver of the Eucharistic Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present to us, Lord Jesus, as you were present with your disciples in the breaking of the bread. May your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church in our ministries until we can gather together again in your sanctuary. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

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

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

**Voluntary**

Postlude in D major

Healey Willan  
1880-1968

*The live stream will end when the Postlude concludes.*

## ***Re-Opening Memorial Flowers***

*In memory of Our Moms by on Ron Stach and Doug Hoffman*

*In memory of Our Loved Ones by Nancy Wittig and Pam Darling*

*In memory of Betty & William Fifner by Elaine and Doug Fifner*

*In memory of Ralph B. Roach & Jane Roach by Carolyn and Cipriano Beredo*

*In memory of Bill, Aunt Marie, and Aunt Mildred by Nancy Harris*

*In memory of Frank & Dorothy Gourash by Dan Gourash*

*In memory of Michael Jacoby and John Jacoby by Joseph H. Jacoby*

*In memory of Joanne T. Calhoun by James L. Calhoun*

*In memory of Elly Kummermehr by Bob and Chris Schauer*

*In memory of Ann & Howard Keller by John Keller*

*In memory of Jack Bauer by Cherie Bauer*

*In memory of My Loved Ones by George Filko*

*(If we missed any envelopes due to crossing in the mail, they will be listed next week. Thank you for your generosity to the St. Peter's Flower Fund.)*



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