Holy Eucharist The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024-10:00 a.m.



Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

Los Gatos, California

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Amazing Grace George Shearing "We plow the fields, and scatter" **Opening Hymn 291** good seed 1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the onthe land, 2 He things near and on - lv is the Ma - ker of all far: 3 We thank thee, then, О Fa - ther, for all things bright and good, but fed and wa - tered by God's al-might - y hand; paints the way-side flow - er, lights the eve - ning he he star; the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food: he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain, the winds and waves bey him, by him the birds are fed; \mathbf{o} the of - fer are thy love im - parts, gifts we have to what the the sun-shine, and re - fresh - ing breez - es and soft rain. much more to us, his chil-dren, he gives our dai - ly bread. but chief - lv thou de sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts. All good gifts round from heaven bove; us are sent

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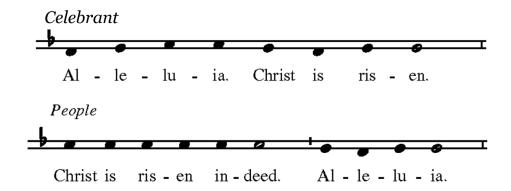
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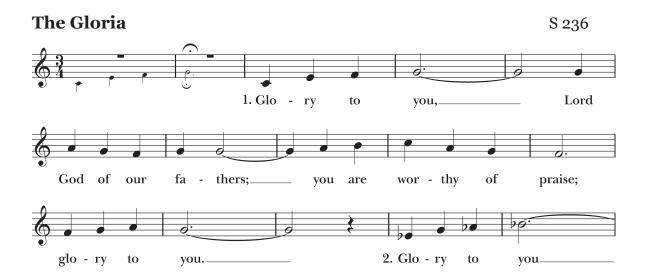
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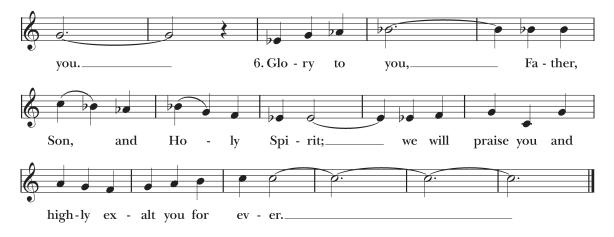


The Collect for Purity

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**.







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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson Acts 10:44–48

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- 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.
- 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.
- In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

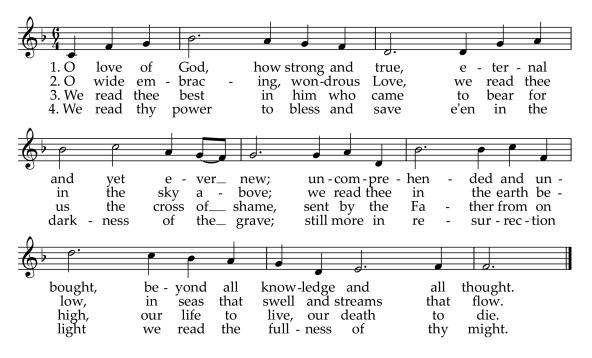
The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 455

"O love of God, how strong and true"



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The Holy Gospel

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:9–17

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Said by all

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. 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, or any kind of trouble; 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, Lucinda, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and 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. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child. Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, for our race so freely given.
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
Lord of all to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you. Amen.

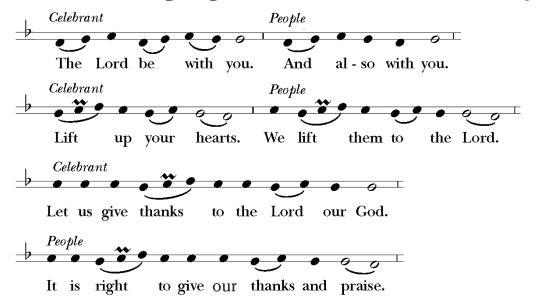
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 his death he has destroyed death, and by his 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



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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

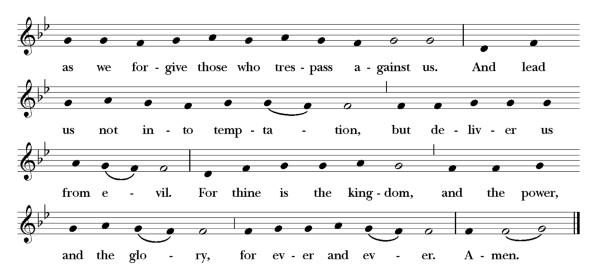
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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, blessed Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 pray,





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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.

him then,

4.

Verses sung as written, 4 verses in Spanish followed by 4 verses in English.



rise

and sing our hymn then,



Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all

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 Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**.

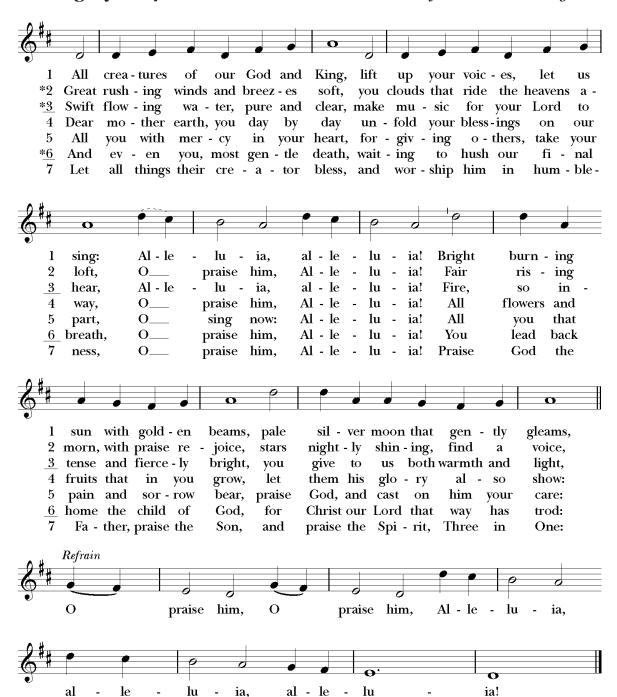
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Closing Hymn 400

"All creatures of our God and King"



Dismissal

The clergy dismisses the People and they respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Postlude on the tune "Middlebury"

George Shearing



FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Bob and Rosemary Johnson in thanksgiving for 51 years anchored in love.

Flowers at the altar are also given to the glory of God by Barbara Metzler and Ed Clendaniel in thanksgiving for their 42nd wedding anniversary May 1.



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