

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
May 22, 2022 Year C
10:30 AM

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Prelude Elegy on “Slane” **Mark A. Radice**

***Processional Hymn** Be thou my vision (*Slane*) **Hymnal #657**

***Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S-280**

The Collect of the Day

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 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.

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

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 Reading

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.

***The Gospel Reading**

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

***The Nicene Creed**

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**

Let us join our voices with Lydia, Paul, John, and all the saints, as we offer our prayers and thanksgivings, responding, "Hear us, O risen Lord."

+ In thanksgiving for the Word, that may we follow our Lord's voice, receive his gift of love, proclaim his message of hope, and seek the unity of all faithful pilgrims; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Lord.

+ In thanksgiving for the springs of forgiveness in which God's love enfolds us, releasing us from the captivity of our sins and welcoming us into a new life of liberty and freedom; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Lord.

+ That the healing Christ may be with those who are ill and those who care for them, bringing hope to all who are troubled or who dwell in interior darkness; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Lord.

+ That mutual respect and equity may thrive among all peoples and nations of the world, providing water, agricultural abundance of food, development, and hope throughout the global community; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Lord.

+ That war may cease in every land, and that those who serve in the military may return to their homes and loved ones; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Lord.

+ That we may prepare to join our wills to the will of the Holy Spirit, to move where the winds are driving, and to be set on fire in the service of God's holy word; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Lord.

+ In thanksgiving for our grandparents, parents, mentors, teachers, and all who were important in our lives, and who now reside in the blessed company of all the saints; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Lord.

O God, you have prepared good things for those who love you; pour your love into our hearts as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Edith	Wes	Gordon	Thomas
Carol	Stanley	Sara	Kelly	Olivia
Lorraine	Dave	Linda	Joshua	The Murphy
John	Joan	Jonathan	Gabby	family
Lorraine	Jean	Lisa	Eleanore	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Loie Faulkner, Emily Simon

***The Peace**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Organ Offertory Schönster Herr Jesu (*Fairest Lord Jesus*)

Hermann Schröder (1904–84)

***Presentation Hymn** *I want to walk as a child of the light (Houston)*

Hymnal #490

*The Great Thanksgiving

Expanded Language Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal #S-129

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 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."

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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem **Be known to us**

Hymnal #S-171

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture.

Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive.

Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request

Post Communion Prayer

*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.*

Blessing

***Recessional** Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends (*Parke*)

Hymnal #222

Dismissal

Postlude Gelobt seist du, Jesus Christ (*Praise to you, Jesus Christ*), BuxWV 189
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Liturgical Ministers: Daniella Ripperton, Michael Roman, Margaret Johnson

Virtual Vergers: Virginia McGhee, Michael Roman

This morning we welcome guest Organist Mark A. Radice

St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!

May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.

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Hymns

Be thou my vision (*Slane*)

Hymnal #488

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

I want to walk as a child of the light

(*Houston*)

Hymnal #490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

[Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.]

2 I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

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Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends (*Parker*)

Hymnal #222

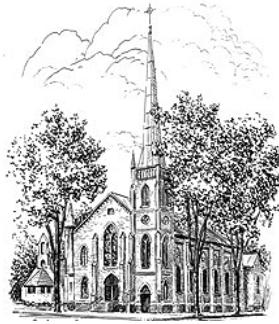
1 Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends
in triumph from earth's battlefield:
his strife with human hatred ends,
as sin and death their conquests yield.

2 No more his mortal form we see;
he reigns invisible but near:
for in the midst of two or three
he makes his glorious presence clear.

2 He reigns, but with a love that shares
the troubles of our earthly life;
he takes upon his heart the cares,
the pain, and shame of human strife.

3 He reigns in heaven until the hour
when he, who once was crucified,
shall come in all love's glorious power
to rule the world for which he died.

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If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/donate/>. Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Office of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to offer our prayers, read, and meditate on God's holy word.

Forward Day by Day for May, June, and July is available on the table in the rear of the church.

Flowers If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).

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