

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:30am ~ Liturgy of the Word with Amazing Grace ~



~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

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LEM: John McDargh (*Statement of Faith & Prayers of the People*)
Readers: Bernice Cramer (*reading 1 & Psalm*), Tricia Tyler (*Psalm & reading 2*),
Margaret Hummel (*response leader*)
Service Welcome: Rev. Cara Rockhill
Attendance: Ken Anderson

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday to Louise Bonegio – May 9th and Lee Hatfield – May 12th!

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church USA: Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough, St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury, St. Peter's Church, Weston, and The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

May 2021: James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, Tommy Foley, John Yuskas, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Constance Williams, Tori Simmons, Sara Radin, Amy Rader Olsson, Carter Lustig, Sally Montgomery, Robin, Murdock Morrison, Grace McGregor, Natsuko Horiuchi, Shuhei Yasuda and Julie Le.

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PRELUDE

Brenda Carter

OPENING HYMN

Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

HYMNAL #212

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

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OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

All: **Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

16 Glory to God Gloria 3
Canon

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. It features two systems of music. The first system includes measures with chords Dm, Gm, C, and F, and is marked with circled letters A and B. The second system includes measures with chords C and D, and is marked with circled letters C and D. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Officiant: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: **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 loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

*(this week's Psalm comes from the St. Helena Psalter and
the other readings are from the Inclusive Bible)*

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter had not finished speaking these words when the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were surprised that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also, whom they could hear speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter asked, "What can stop these people who have received the Holy Spirit, even as we have, from being baptized with water?" So, he gave orders that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After this was done, they asked him to stay on with them for a few days.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 98

1. Sing a new song to God,
who has done marvelous things.
2. With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm,
you have won for yourself the victory.
3. You have made known your victory;
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. You remember your 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 God, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to God with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.
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 God,
who will come to judge the earth.
10. God shall judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-6

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born of God. Everyone who loves God loves the One who has come from God. We can be sure that we love God’s children when we love God and do what God has commanded. The love of God consists of this: that we keep God’s commandments. And these commandments are not burdensome. Everyone born of God conquers the world, and the power that has conquered the world is our faith. Who then can overcome the world?

The one who believes that Jesus is the Only Begotten of God. Jesus Christ came by water and blood— not by water alone, but with water and blood. It is the Spirit who testifies to this, and she is truth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *(recording)*

Oh How He Loves Me

by Kurt Kaiser

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staff, with hyphens under the syllables to indicate the rhythm.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead, I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. This command I give you: that you love one another.

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Jose Rosario, founder of The Phoenix Empowered

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(read out loud by the LEM)*

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
we put our trust in God;
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,
in the service of others,
to seek justice, and to live in peace;
to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love.
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,
for the glory of God alone.
Amen.**

Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Community © 2001

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(read out loud by the LEM)*

One: Gracious God, we pray for your world.

All: **That we all may be one.**

One: Grant that every member of the human community may truly and humbly serve you; that we might love each other without fear;

All: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

One: We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people, for our Presiding Bishop Michael, and for Bishop Alan and Bishop Gayle, as they continue to serve our faith community.

All: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

One: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially the newly elected leaders of nations in conflict.

All: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

One: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

One: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those listed on our Parish Prayer List *(read the names)*. We hold them in our hearts.

All: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

One: Give to the departed eternal rest, including all whom we have lost during this pandemic but whose bright lights are not forgotten.

All: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

One: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

One: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. And, today we hold these special prayers and thanksgivings in the heart of our community *(read from the community prayer book)*. We lift them up.

All: **In Jesus' name we pray.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors and ourselves.

All: **O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors or ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.**

Officiant: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us every trespass through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of God be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We invite you to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

Officiant: As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

All: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Officiant: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family. Take away the fears that infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in the bonds of love and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. In your good time, O God, let all nations and peoples live in harmony and find that new and resurrected life promised through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

HYMNAL #182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us live in peace and love each other in the name of the risen Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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