

Welcome to ST. MATTHEW'S

May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of
Easter

Holy Eucharist
8 AM





PRELUDE

Hymn #8

1

Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!

Mine is the morning
born of the one light

Eden saw play!

Praise with elation,
praise every morning,

God's recreation
of the new day!

The Word of God

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

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.

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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.

A Reading from the first letter of John (5:1-6)

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?

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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.

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

Hymn #379

1

God is Love, let heaven adore him;

God is Love, let earth rejoice;

Let creation sing before him

And exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,

God who spread the heav'ns above,

God who breathes through all creation:

God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace:
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.

3

God is Love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(15:9-17)

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

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.

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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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The Homily

The Reverend Jan Head

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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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.

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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.

**Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 71st General Convention, following the resolution of the 68th General Convention, and responding to Resolution 19 of the joint meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council (Capetown 1993), hereby reaffirm its intention to remove the words “and the Son” from the third paragraph of the Nicene Creed at the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer.*

Prayers of the People

Holy and Gracious God, you know us as your own and beckon us to follow you. May we do so through your grace as we pray,
Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the nations of the world and for those in positions of authority; that peace, justice and reconciliation may be the ideals that guide our common life.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the honoring of human rights, for the relief of the oppressed, and for all victims of war, terror, hate, and abuse.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

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We pray for the renewal of the church in faith, love and service and for all who minister in Christ's name.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the clergy and members of our diocese, especially Kym, our Bishop, that your peace may calm our hearts, and your love infuse all our interactions.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who have died, for people of every time and place, that they may now share in fullness of life with you, especially _____.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, _____ . I invite your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving _____ .

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

The celebrant adds this or another concluding collect

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

“Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.”

Psalm 98:1

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

You can give at the following link:

<https://www.stmatthewsgj.org/giving-to-st-matthews>

Presentation Hymn

Hymn #205

(verses 1 and 4)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

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for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who gave himself for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (S-125)
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.

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Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect gift for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and offering, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; ...having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

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And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our offering of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

continued...

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

A period of silence is kept after the celebrant breaks the bread.

Then may be sung

**This is the body of Christ,
broken that we may be whole;
This cup, as promised by God,
true to his word, cradles our Lord:
Food for the good of the soul.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Remember who you are,
become what you receive.

Music to Accompany Communion

Hymn #455

1

O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4

We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn #412, versus 1-3, 6

1

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise God with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise God with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise God with a new song!

6

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son, loud praying members,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise God with a new song!

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,
Alleluia.

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

Postlude - Sandy Moore