

**May 10, 2026  
10:00 AM**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Rogation Sunday**



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Episcopal Church***

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seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,  
recognizing his presence in all people,  
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.**



## The Liturgy of the Word

### *Processional Hymn*

### *O Love, How Deep*

### *Hymn 448 v1-3*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

### *Opening Acclamation*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### *Collect for Purity*

*All*

**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**

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!

*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 Lessons***

***First Reading***

***Acts 17:22-31***

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people

everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 66:7-18***

- 7 **B**less our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

***Second Reading***

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

***All:***       **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

***Gospel Gradual:***       ***Fairest Lord Jesus***

*Hymn 383*

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1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

**Gospel Reading**

**John 14:15-21**

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and

those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Sermon*

*The Rev. Ken Wratten*

*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.**

## **Rogation Day Liturgy**

Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, bless this planting soil, and grant that plantings made with it, and all plantings made during this growing season, may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord of the harvest, you placed the gifts of creation into our hands and called us to till the earth and make it fruitful.

We ask your blessing on all plantings we make this year. May the care we show for these plantings remind us of your tender love and care for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that you graciously grant to us the harvests of the land and of the seas, and that you may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

That it may please you to grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

That it may please you to bless the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

That it may please you to look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Let us praise God, who creates all things new.  
*Blessed be God for ever.*

### ***Prayers of the People: Form VI***

*Lector:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Lector:* For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

*Lector:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

*Lector:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

*Lector:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

*Lector:* For all mothers on Mothers' Day, For congregations in transition and clergy new to cure. For our On Ramp program for clergy.

*People:* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Lector:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*Lector:* Hear us, Lord;

*People:* **For your mercy is great.**

*Lector:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Lector:* We exalt you, O God our King;

*People:* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Lector:* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom;  
*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Lector:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People:* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Lector:* Almighty God, we entrust our mothers, and those who have given us motherly care, to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for.

Lord, thank you for the gift of life you gave us through our mothers and those who serve as mothers. Thank you for the time and love they have given us during our life. Bless all who serve as mothers with love, patience, understanding, and strength to carry out their special work. Lead children everywhere to be thankful for those who provide them with mothering care.

*People:* **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

### ***Confession and Absolution***

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Exchange peace.*

*Offertory Hymn*

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Hymn 488*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

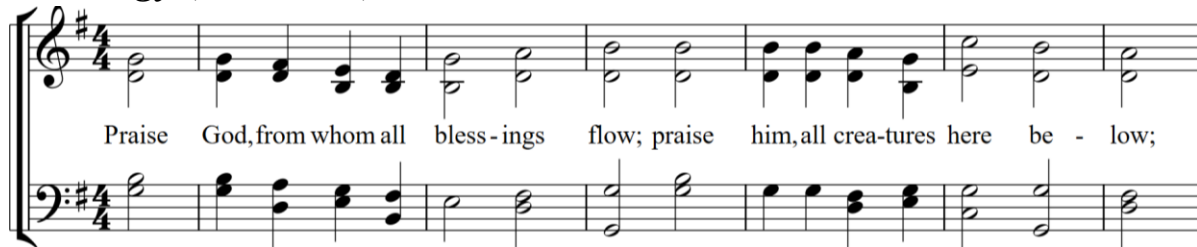


thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

*Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>):*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist: 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 him our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

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:

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

The musical score is written for a choir in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: 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 say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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***

*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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Verse 1:

I, the Lord, of sea and sky...  
I have heard My people's cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin...My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord...Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Verse 2:

I, the Lord of snow and rain....  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them...They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone...  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them...  
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Verse 3:

I, the Lord of wind and flame...  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them...My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide...  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them...Whom shall I send?

Chorus

## ***Post Communion Prayer***

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## ***Announcements***

### ***Birthday and Anniversary Blessings***

**Birthday Blessing:** Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anniversary Blessing:** O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***The Blessing***

Mission Song

Ye Servants of God

Hymn 535

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

## ***The Dismissal***

*Celebrant:* Our service has ended. Let us go in peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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### **Mark your calendar**

- Wednesday Book Group at St. John's, 10:00 am
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Morning Prayer 10:00 am
- Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken Presiding
- Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Morning Prayer 10:00 am
- Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken Presiding
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