

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday**



**Holy Eucharist
May 9, 2021, 11:00 a.m.**

This service of Holy Eucharist is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer* (2019) of the Anglican Church in North America, *Times and Seasons* of the Church of England, and *The Hymnal 1982*. The congregation stands as able at the introduction to a hymn, except during Communion. Physical acts of worship are optional: crossing †, bowing ↓, kneeling, standing.

Today we observe Rogation Sunday (from *rogare*, Latin for “to ask”), on which we process out of the church to ask God for blessing on our grounds and on his whole creation.

We enter this consecrated place with reverence, quietly preparing ourselves to meet Almighty God.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE Day of delight and beauty unbounded 1991, Dale Wood (1934–2003)

HYMN Day of delight and beauty unbounded *In dir ist Freude*

Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the
 Gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor,
 praise Christ ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from
 2 Sing now of mourn - ing
 dark - ness ap - pear - ing, sing of the seed from bar - ren earth
 turned in - to danc - ing, sing now the mys - tery, hope of our

green - ing, sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
glo - ry, sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in wa - ter made
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing, sing the Lord's fa - vor last - ing for -

ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er; sing all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: 1591, Giovanni Gastoldi (circa 1554–1609)

THE ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 146

Celebrant: † Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 124

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.

Near the end of the Pascha nostrum, children depart for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: ages 3–8 process behind the cross right to the Atrium in the Parish Hall. All will return for Communion. If your children are attending for the first time, please accompany them and introduce yourself to the adult volunteers.

THE CANTICLE Pascha nostrum

BCP, p. 16

ALL **CHOIR**
Al - le - lu - ia. — Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

ALL **CHOIR**
therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven of malice and e - vil,

ALL
but with the unleavened bread of sin - cer - i - ty and truth. Al - le - lu - ia. —

CHOIR **ALL**
Christ be - ing raised from the dead will never die a - gain; death no longer has do -

CHOIR
min - ion o - ver him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

ALL **CHOIR**
but the life he lives, he lives to God. So al - so consider yourselves dead to sin,

ALL
and alive to God in ↓ Je - sus Christ ↑ our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia. —

CHOIR **ALL**
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have

CHOIR **ALL**
fal - len a - sleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also

CHOIR
the resur - rec - tion of the dead. — For as in Adam all die,

ALL
so also in Christ shall all be made a - live. — Al - le - lu - ia. —

Words: 1 Corinthians 5:7–8; 15:20–22; Romans 6:9–11. Music: Gregorian Chant, Tone VIII

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY The Sixth Sunday of Easter

BCP, p. 613

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
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.**

A COLLECT FOR ROGATION DAYS

BCP, p. 635

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and 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. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE (*sitting*)

1 John 4:7–21 (ESV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

After the reading: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA (*standing*)

(*1st time: choir. 2nd time: congregation. Verse: cantor. 3rd & 4th times: congregation.*)

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. hal - le - lu - jah. jah.

Music: traditional Carribean, arranged by John L. Bell (b. 1949)
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Cantor: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

—John 15:12

THE GOSPEL

John 15:9–17 (ESV)

(*The sign of the cross may be made with the thumb on forehead, lips, and chest, to remind us to honor Christ with our thoughts, words, and heart.*)

Before the reading: ††† The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: ↓ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** ↑

“As the Father has loved me [Jesus], so have I 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ↓ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** ↑

THE SERMON

Canon Susie Skillen

THE NICENE CREED *(standing)*

BCP, p. 126

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, ↓ Jesus Christ, ↑
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneeling or sitting)*

Times and Seasons

Deacon: Jesus Christ, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Intercessor: Jesus Christ, great High Priest, living for ever to intercede for us: pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high: pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God: pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection: surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe: pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

BCP, p. 129

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, ↑ have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (*kneeling or sitting*)

BCP, p. 132

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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." †

Likewise, after supper, Jesus 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 many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. † Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever.

People
 A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

(*Matthew 6:9-13*)

THE FRACTION

BCP, p. 135

Celebrant
 Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.
People
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

BCP, p. 136

(*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation:*)

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.]

(*or this:*)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

(*John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*)

(A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

BCP, p. 677)

(*To be prayed by those watching the livestream*)

(Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive

you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.)

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

After the choir has received, people — starting with the two middle sections — may come forward via the side aisles, appropriately distanced, to receive the Sacrament from the priests. They should return to their seats to eat and drink.

Used communion cups should be deposited in bins at the back of the church after the service.

Anyone not receiving the Sacrament is welcome to come forward and receive a blessing from a priest; please indicate this intention by crossing your arms over your chest.

Those not able to come forward may notify an usher of their need to be served in the pew.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Hymn Let us keep the feast

Resurrection Feast



1 Let us keep the feast; for Christ is ris - en, he has de-
2 Let us keep the feast in glad re - mem - brance: his blood and
3 Let us keep the feast of res - ur - rec - tion: Christ holds the



feat - ed death and burst man's pris - on. Tell his tri -
bod - y ours in ho - ly pres - ence. Where, death, is
prince of death in his sub - jec - tion. He is the



um - phant name to ev - ery na - tion, and let us
now your sting? Where, grave, — your plun - der? Come, let us
Lord of life, our sure sal - va - tion. Come, let us



keep his feast of cel - e - bra - tion! Al - le - lu - ia.
keep the feast with joy and won - der! Al - le - lu - ia.
keep his feast in ad - o - ra - tion! Al - le - lu - ia.

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Hymn In the bulb there is a flower

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*kneeling or sitting*)

BCP, p. 137

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

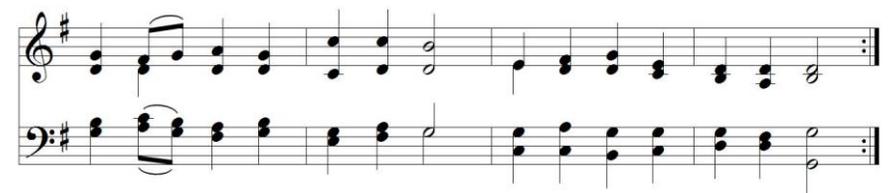
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

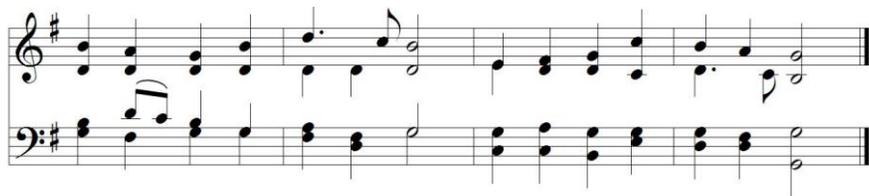
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN For the beauty of the earth

Dix

*(The people process outside with appropriate distancing,
following the choir and clergy, for the Rogation Blessing.)*





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|---|--|
| 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies: | 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: |
|---|--|

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

- | | |
|---|---|
| 2 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: | 5 For the Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
off'ring up on every shore
thy pure sacrifice of love: |
| 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: | 6 For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given;
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: |

Words: 1864, Folliott Pierpoint (1835–1917)
Music: 1838, Conrad Kocher (1786–1872)

THE ROGATION BLESSING

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon these grounds and grant that they may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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Response: **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 138

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Imago Stage Company, a CTR arts ministry, has produced an audio, radio-style, musical adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' *The Count of Monte Cristo*, now available at www.imagostage.org. You may listen to the production for 48 hours after purchase. (\$15 individual, \$30 family) The performance is available only through June 16.

Covid postponed plans for a fully staged live production, so 27 actor-singers rehearsed on Zoom and recorded in socially distanced groups October–February. The story, acting, music, and sound effects will engage your imagination in this riveting audio-only enactment, and the soaring music and amusing characterizations will please you.

To access the production or listen to the tantalizing trailer, visit imagostage.org and click on *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

The Rev. Canon Susan Skillen, Interim Rector
The Rev. Dr. Ray Pendleton, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Reid, Assisting Priest
The Choir of Christ the Redeemer

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