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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

May 10, 2026 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).

Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, after the Service Music (S-) section.

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Impressions on KINGSFOLD (H#292) Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

I. *Prélude en Canon*

II. *Berceuse (Lullaby)*

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 204Now the green blade risethNOËL NOUVELET

The liturgy continues on Page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO William Mathias (1934-1992)



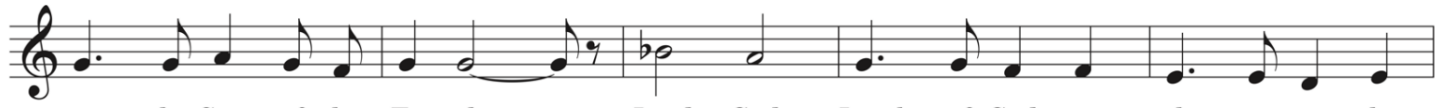
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 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 choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.



The choir chants the verses, and all respond with the refrain as marked.

- 7 Bless 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE..... 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.

HYMN 456 O love of God, how strong and true..... DE TAR

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

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."

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED..... Prayer Book, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV..... Prayer Book, p. 388

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THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 405All things bright and beautiful ROYAL OAK

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A Prayer Book, p. 361

SANCTUS.....Craig Phillips (b. 1961), *Festival Eucharist*

Organ

Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. * Ho - san - na in the
Ho - san - na en el

high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
cie - lo.

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

* The "Hosanna" may be sung in English or Spanish

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FRACTION ANTHEM..... Gary James (b. 1957)

The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The choir sings the verses:

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

HYMN 512 Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove MENDON

HYMN Let all things now living..... THE ASH GROVE

The second hymn is found on the following page.

HYMN 292 O Jesus, crowned with all renown.....KINGSFOLD

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Prayer Book, p. 366

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 412 Earth and all stars EARTH AND ALL STARS

ORGAN POSTLUDE..... Impressions on KINGSFOLD: III. Cloches (Bells)R. Laurin

Along with the hymns that explicitly fit the propers and the season of Easter, many of today's hymn selections have nature and creation themes as a focus of their texts. This is because the next three days (Monday through Wednesday before Ascension Day) are the traditional rogation days. Rogation days, from the Latin rogatio, "to ask," are rooted in a fifth-century Gallican tradition of praying for God's providence over agriculture during public processions. Throughout the Book of Common Prayer's history, prayers have been incorporated for a fruitful harvest, commerce and industry, and for humanity's proper stewardship of God's creation (see pp. 258-259 of the Prayer Book; also p. 824 #29, and p. 828, #42). The current Prayer Book also notes the especial appropriateness of the Great Litany (pp. 148ff.) for the Rogation Days, after the early traditions.

- Marion Hatchett, Commentary on the American Prayer Book

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1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es



to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 and sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joi - cing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday	Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m. Rector’s forum, 9:45 a.m. (Undercroft)
Tuesday (Rogation Day)	Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)
Wednesday (Rogation Day).....	Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire)
Thursday (Feast of the Ascension).....	Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House) Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)
Monday–Saturday	Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

The **final half-hour organ recital** in this year’s series will be on **Sunday, June 7 at 1:30 p.m.**

The opening concert of the **Shreveport Summer Music Festival** will be on **Sunday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m.**

This week we remember Mary Lee Barnhill, Thomas Watson Black, Edward Connors, Patricia Joan Fowle, Katherine Brash Jeter, Lillian Ely Marmion, Ellen Johnson Stoker Martin, Henry Furman Means, Mary Kathryn Norton, Lane Jefferson Rice, and J. Ashley Sibley Jr., buried from Holy Cross.

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