Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024 8:00am & 10:30am



"Friendship... A Gift Of God" Mani Babbar Photography

Please silence your cell phones.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude A Kingsfold Suite David P. Dahl

Trish Rooney, Organist

Processional Hymn Now the green blade riseth Hymn #204

(stand as you are able)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

The Gloria in Excelsis

People: 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.

Gloria



Collect for The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

New Testament A Reading from Acts

Acts 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD / a new song, * for he / has done marve-lous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / holy arm * has he / won for him-self 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.

(cont.)



- 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.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound / of the horn * shout with joy be-/fore 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.

New Testament

A Reading from First John

I 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?

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 15:9-17

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. 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."

> The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.



(seated)

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Paula our own Bishop;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Byron, Patrick, Delbert, the victims of gun violence, especially the officers in North Carolina, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs, for those of others, for those celebrating birthdays, especially Nick *Theyerl* (05/08), Phil *Wing* (05/10), and Cathy *Ritts* (05/11), and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Sean and Meghan *Cramer* (05/09).

For those serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry.

Celebrant adds a suitable collect

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

O Sing Unto the Lord

Jonathan Willcocks

O sing unto the Lord a new song for he hath done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation; his righteousness hath he shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise, unto the Lord all the earth. Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

(8:00am spoken)

Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord. *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

(10:30am sung)

Offertory Response

Hymn #193

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All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live; To God the Father equal praise, and God the holy Ghost, we raise.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

Eucharistic 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 God thanks and praise.

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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.

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:

Sanctus (8:00am spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Sanctus and Benedictus



(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: **H**oly 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. When ever 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.

Celebrant: 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:

Lord's Prayer

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem (8:00am spoken)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem (10:30am sung)

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Hymn #292

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymn #344

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude A Kingsfold Suite David P. Dahl

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God From Doug & Cheryl Rogers in loving memory of Renee Jenson.

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft, followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.

Note about the cover

"This was in the world's coldest region near the construction of a home, and these kids were so happy to see someone click them. I wish I could find them again to give them these pictures."

Announcements

<u>Nametags:</u> If you would like a nametag made, please contact the church office via email at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org or via phone at 815-964-5514.

Book Club: Join us Tuesday, May 14th at 1pm in the James Room. May's choice is "News of the World" by Paulette Giles. In the aftermath of the American Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this morally complex, multi-layered novel of historical fiction from the author of Enemy Women that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

Grief Group: meets next on May 6th at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

Last year, a group of knitters at Talcott Free Library embarked on a project. We, along with friends and neighbors, knitted Chemo Hats for cancer patients at the three Rockford hospitals. We collected 63 hats! This year, we're doing it again. The hats must be soft, acrylic or cotton and washable for both men and women. We hope to collect all the donations by Memorial Day, May 27th. Just drop them off at the Talcott Free Library in Rockton. Thanks in advance for any donations you can make.

Rockford Area Pride: Emmanuel is marching in Rockford's Annual Pride Parade on Saturday June 1. If you are interested in participating contact Todd Burton: todd.r.burton@gmail.com.

Show your Pride by ordering a Pride T-shirt at:

https://www.rockfordareapride.org/product-page/unisex-eco-friendly-cotton-t-shirt

On Thursday, May 23, at 11:30 a.m. you are welcome to join the Dining Out Group at "The Sisters Thai Cafe" located at 514 E. State St. Mary will be happy to make your reservation...Call her at 815-654-8995. Thanks and see you there.

Shelter Care's Spring Luncheon:



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Ginny Hatwich, & Valerie Sanders

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Maria Mendia

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman

1st Reading: Thailer Castrey 2nd Reading: Travis Castrey

Prayers of the People: Elizabeth Castrey

Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman Ushers: Robert & Betsy Parker

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