

Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:30am



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*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.
Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

“Andante in F - for a flute clock” K.616 *W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)*
Wayne Hatwich, organist

Opening Hymn

“Awake and sing the song”

Hymn #181

v. 1, 2, 4

1. Awake and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb; wake every heart and every tongue to praise the Savior's name.
2. Sing of his dying love; his resurrection power; sing how he intercedes above for those whose sins he bore.
4. Soon shall each raptured tongue his endless praise proclaim, and sing in sweeter notes the song of Moses and the Lamb.

(stand as you are able)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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.*

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 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.*

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.*

New Testament

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

1 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.

Gradual Hymn

“Now the green blade riseth”

Hymn #204

v. 1, 3, 4

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

(stand as you are able)

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 Rev. 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.*

(stand)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: **G**od loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Let us offer prayers to God for the needs, hopes, and concerns of all human beings. For this holy gathering and for those who enter our circle of faith.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For this parish family of Emmanuel, that we will faithfully bear witness to the risen Christ in word and deed.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop-elect, our presbyter, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of the nations and for all who seek peace.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the suffering peoples of the world.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who experience desolation and for those who feel remote from God.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially Mary, Maryanne, Nick, Rich, Sam and Sean and for those celebrating birthdays, especially Phil *Wing* (05/10), John *Frana* (05/12), Denis *Anderson* (05/13), and Mary *E. Johnson* (05/13) and those celebrating anniversaries, especially Meghan and Sean *Cramer*.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: **B**lessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you give the Holy Spirit to all who believe: Hear our prayers for all peoples and grant us the power to love one another as we love you. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

“Lord, we have come at your own invitation”

Hymn #348

v. 1, 2, 3, 4

1. Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted as friends: yours is the strength that sustains our vocation, ours a commitment we know never ends.
2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention, ever to cherish the gifts you provide; teach us to serve without pride or pretension, led by your Spirit defender and guide.
3. When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed, and our courage restored: may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.
4. So, in the world where each duty assigned us gives us the chance to create or destroy, help us to make those decisions that bind us, Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(The people stand as the bread and wine are presented at the altar. Then they may be seated.)

Eucharistic Prayer B

(standing)

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.*

Celebrant: **I**t 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, 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.

(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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.” (†)

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

*Celebrant: A*nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: **T**he 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.

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will invite people forward by pew.

Music during Communion “O love of God, how strong and true”

Hymn #455

v. 1, 2, 3, 4

1. O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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 (†)

Celebrant: **M**ay almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

(standing)

Closing Hymn

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

Hymn #344

v. 1, 2, 3

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace: O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;
3. so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away, fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

“Rondo from 'Abdelazar”

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

This morning's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Janet from Phil and Andrew.



Announcements

Currently at the church, 45 people are able to attend the 10:30 am service, in keeping with diocesan guidelines. Please call or email the church office at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org to reserve a spot.

Church office hours: Andrea is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. Diane is in the office Monday thru Thursday. This is a change from previous hours.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Book Club: The book group's next meeting is May 25, 2021 at 7pm, and the book is "Broken for You" by Stephanie Kallos. When we meet septuagenarian Margaret Hughes, she is living alone in a mansion in Seattle with only a massive collection of valuable antiques for company. Enter Wanda Schultz, a young woman with a broken heart who has come west to search for her wayward boyfriend. Both women are guarding dark secrets and have spent many years building up protective armor against the outside world. As their tentative friendship evolves, the armor begins to fall away and Margaret opens her house to the younger woman.

June's book is "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held in honor of the powerful businessman Mr. Hosokawa. Roxanne Coss, opera's most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening—until a band of gun-wielding terrorists takes the entire party hostage. But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario slowly evolves into something quite different.

Flowers on the altar are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special anniversary. We request a \$50 minimum donation. Email the office with requests.

The Wednesday Study group continues through the month of May, once again, the video series by NT Wright is our guide. The Book of Daniel is the choice of participants and we begin 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 via zoom. Please read the first chapter in the Book of Daniel for discussion. Please keep your eye out for the zoom link in the weekly email.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m.

Crucifer/Acolyte: Tyler Hillman

Reader 1: Dennis Horton

Reader 2: Millie Zimmerman

Altar Guild: Cindy Joesten

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