

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Cross Episcopal Parish
May 9, 2021

Gathering and Processional Hymn(s)

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along

O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider – 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.

People – Amen

The Lessons

The First Lesson - Acts 10:44-48

The Response – Psalm 98

The Epistle – 1 John 5:1-6

The Gospel Acclamation

A new commandment I give unto you

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That you love one another as I have loved you
That you love one another as I have loved you

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you
That you love one another as I have loved you

Gospel – John 15:1-8

Sermon – Rev. Jerry Gallagher

The 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.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

[The Leader and People pray responsively]

Leader – In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader – For all people in their daily life and work;
People – For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.

Leader – For this community, the nation, and the world;
People – For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader – For the just and proper use of your creation;
People – For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader – 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.

Leader – For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People – For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader – For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
People – For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader – For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

Leader – Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

Leader – We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

Leader – We will exalt you, O God our King;
People – And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader – We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Leader – Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People – Who put their trust in you.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

[The exchange of peace as explained by the presider.]

The Offertory

[To maintain social distancing the offertory basket will not be passed around. The presider will inform the congregation how they can make an online donation or where they can leave a donation.]

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

[*Eucharistic Prayer A – The people remain standing.*]

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Presider – Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by you life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

People – Amen

Presider – Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

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.

Presider – 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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider – 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 forever.

People - AMEN.

Presider – And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider – Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People – Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider – The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[Holy Communion will be distributed to congregants as explained by the presider.]

Communion Hymn(s)

It Is Well With My Soul

Verse 1

When peace like a river

Attendeth my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot

Thou hast taught me to say

It is well

It is well with my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul

It is well

It is well with my soul

Verse 2

Tho' Satan should buffet

Tho' trials should come

Let this blest assurance control

That Christ hath regarded

My helpless estate

And hath shed His own blood

For my soul

Verse 3

My sin O the bliss

Of this glorious tho't

My sin not in part but the whole

Is nailed to the cross

And I bear it no more

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord O my soul

Verse 4

And Lord haste the day

When the faith shall be sight

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll

The trump shall resound

And the Lord shall descend

Even so it is well

With my soul

After Communion

Presider – Let us pray.

Presider 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.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Closing/Recessional Hymn

Can We Love

Chorus

Can we love

Can we lay down our lives

Can we wear His crown of thorns

Can we drink the cup that He drinks

We must lay down (our lives)

Verse 1

It's more than raising our hands

It's more than singing this song

It's saying yes to the Giver of life

It's righting the ways that are wrong

Verse 2

It's more than shouting God's name

It's more than singing His praise

It's bringing forgiveness to injury's wound

And hope to those imprisoned by shame

Verse 3

Loving the Lord our God

With all our heart mind and soul

Loving our neighbor as ourselves

The kingdom of love we will know

Verse 4

With feet secure on the ground

And hearts humbled by love

We stand before God's anointed one

And ask the question and ask the question

Ending

We must lay down

We must lay down our lives