



**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Morning Prayer, Rite II**  
**May 9th, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

*Notes referencing posture – stand, kneel, sit – should be assumed to be optional.*

**Prelude** *Seated*

*Haec dies resurgam*

Robert Hebble

**Opening Hymn** *Seated*

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

**H 348**

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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.

Here, at your table, confirm our intentio/8n ever to cherish the gifts you provide;  
teach us to serve without pride or pretension, led by your Spirit, defender and guide.  
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.  
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.

**Opening Sentences** *Standing*

**BCP 77**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 79**

Officiant                      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Kneeling*

*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.*

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Invitatory and the Psalter** *Standing*

**BCP 80**

Lord, open our lips.

*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: *Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.*

**Christ our Passover**

**BCP 83**

*Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;*

*therefore let us keep the feast,*

*Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,*

*but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;*

*death no longer has dominion over him.*

*The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;*

*but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

*So also consider yourselves dead to sin,*

*and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead,*

*the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*For since by a man came death,*

*by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die,*

*so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

**Psalms 98**

**BCP 727**

<sup>1</sup> *Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.*

<sup>2</sup> *With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.*

<sup>3</sup> *The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*

<sup>4</sup> *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.*

- <sup>5</sup> *Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*
- <sup>6</sup> *Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.*
- <sup>7</sup> *With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.*
- <sup>9</sup> *Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.*
- <sup>10</sup> *In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.*

**The First Lesson** *Seated*

**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.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Canticle 9** *Standing*

**The Third Song of Isaiah**

**BCP 87**

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.*

*For behold, darkness covers the land;  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.*

*But over you the Lord will rise,  
and his glory will appear upon you.*

*Nations Will stream to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.*

*Your gates will always be open;  
by day or night they will never be shut.*

*They will call you, The City of the Lord,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day;  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.*

**The Second Lesson** *Seated*

**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. us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Canticle 17** *Standing*

**The Song of Simeon**

**BCP 93**

*Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.*

**The Gospel Lesson** *Seated*

**John 15:9-17**

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.”

Reader                      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People                      *Thanks be to God.*

**The Sermon** *Seated*

**The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey**

**The Apostles’ Creed** *Standing*

**BCP 96**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**The Prayers**

Officiant                      The Lord be with you.

People                      *And also with you.*

Officiant                      Let us 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.*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
 R. *And grant us your salvation.*  
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
 R. *Let your people sing with joy.*  
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
 R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*  
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
 R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*  
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
 R. *Your saving health among all nations.*  
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
 R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
 R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

**BCP 225**

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 Sundays**

**BCP 98**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our  
 Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent  
 in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Collect for the Renewal of Life****BCP 100**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning; Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Mission****BCP 100**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

**The Anthem** *Seated**If Ye Love Me*

Philip Wilby

**The General Thanksgiving** *Standing***BCP 101**

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom****BCP 102**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn** *Seated*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**H 390**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.  
Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?  
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.  
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

**Postlude**

*Partita on Lobe den Herren (3. Finale)*

Robert Hebble

*The people may depart, or stay to enjoy the postlude.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jess T. and Maydelle J. Funk  
by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

**Ministers of the Service**

Rector	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Associate Rector	The Very Rev. Becca Kello
Deacon	The Rev. Kellie Mysinger
Organist	C. Kenneth Stein
Vocalists	Deborah Stein and Tyler Smith
Audio Visual Team	Rick and Linda Mitchell