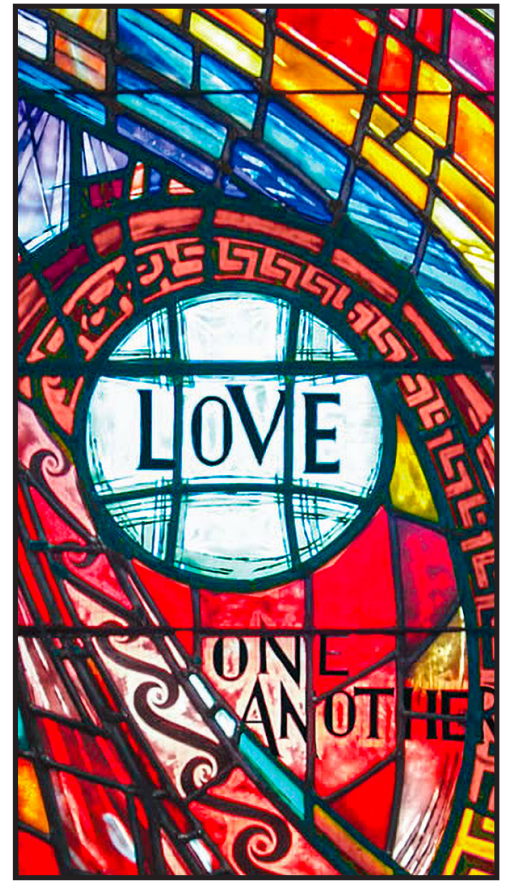


*"Where All Are Welcome . . . No Exceptions!"*

**The Sixth Sunday  
of Easter**  
*May 5, 2024*

**The Holy Eucharist**  
 The Word of God



**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn** (*Please stand as able*)

*Please see page 8*

#400 | *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

*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.*

**Canticle of Praise:** *This Is the Feast*

*Celebrant*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

*All*

1. Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glor - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect*

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, forever and ever.

*People* ***Amen.***

### First Reading *(Please be seated)*

*Reader* A Reading from Acts:

#### *Introduction to the First Reading*

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Realizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in Jesus' Name.*

*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* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98



Sing to the LORD a new song,  
 for he has done marvelous things.  
 With his right hand and his holy arm  
 has he won for himself the victory. [ANT.]

The LORD has made known his victory;  
 his righteousness has he openly shown  
 in the sight of the nations.  
 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. [ANT.]

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
 Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
 with the harp and the voice of song.  
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
 shout with joy before the King, the LORD. [ANT.]

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
 the lands and those who dwell therein.  
 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
 when he comes to judge the earth.  
 In righteousness shall he judge the world  
 and the peoples with equity. [ANT.]

Second Reading

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John:

Introduction to the Second Reading

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Far greater than any military might is the power of love and faith.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (Please stand as able) - Please see page 9

#292 | "O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown"

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John:

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel (The Gospel is carried into the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.)

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

### **The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand as able)*

*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.*

*(Please be seated)*

### **Anthem**

*“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”*

*Music: Tanzanian traditional, Words: Bernard Kyamanywa*

*(Please stand as able)*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,  
*hear our prayer.*

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,  
*hear our prayer.*

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,  
*hear our prayer.*

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, vestry members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

*(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us, and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Confession of Sin** *(Please kneel as able or be seated)*

*Reader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

*People* **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 Absolution**

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

**The Peace** *(Please stand as able)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**The Holy Communion**

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.*

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:  
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR  
Securely online through our website - <https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html>*

**Offertory Sentence**

**Doxology** *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung.  
Please stand as able)*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;  
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

**Offertory Hymn**

*Please see page 10*

ELW #838 | "Beautiful Savior"

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Hymnal S129*

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hos - san - na in the High - est.

*The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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.*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People* ***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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

*Celebrant* The 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.

*You can commune host only, dip the host in the intinction chalice, or drink from the common cup.  
Gluten free hosts are available, please ask the priest.*

## **Post Communion Prayer** *(Please kneel or be seated)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* ***We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.***

*(Please stand as able)*

## **Benediction**

May 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 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.*

**Closing Hymn** *(Please stand as able)*

*Please see page 11*

ELW #377 | *"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"*

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## **Postlude**

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## **This Week at St. John the Baptist**

*Wednesday - Bible Study 2 pm. & Choir Practice 5 p.m.*

*Saturday - Breakfast, Ocean Grill in Lewes, 9:30 a.m.*

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Praise to God

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1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us

4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless-ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your

7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn-ing

4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that

7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,

4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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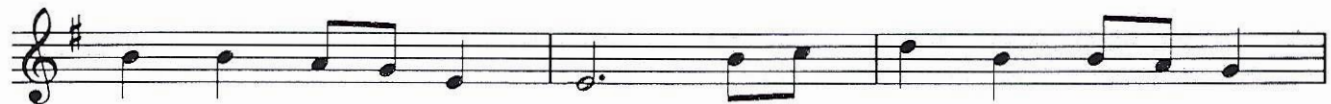
Holy Days and Various Occasions



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gel's sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
 from the boun - teous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

*Rogation Days.*

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.

Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Beautiful Savior [H]

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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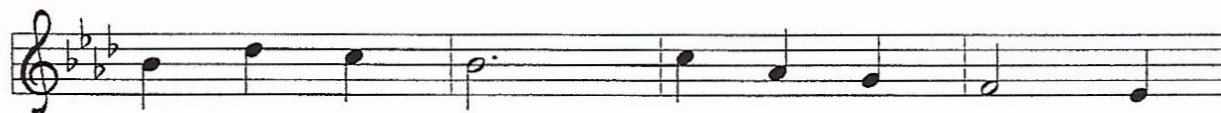
# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

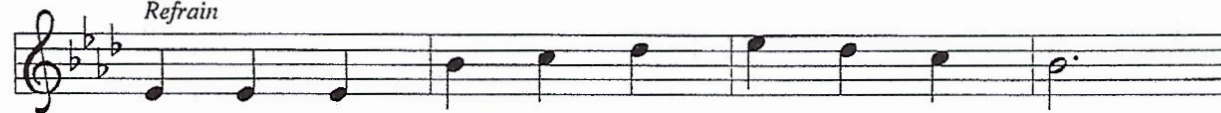


Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!