

Christ Church of Bethany and Woodbridge

Sixth Sunday of Easter (5/5/2024)

Prelude: *Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr.* Alberta

Announcements

Processional Hymn 400. *All Creatures of Our God and King*

The Word of God, as beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Gloria (S-280)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of 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.

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.**

A Reading from 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.

Gradual Hymn 292 *O Jesus Crowned With All Renown*

At the introduction of the Gospel, the congregation responds, “Glory to you, Lord Christ”

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St. 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.”

At the conclusion, the congregation responds, “Praise to you, Lord Christ”

The Sermon

Choir Anthem: *Love One Another.* Chepponis

Nicene Creed, page 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP page 392)

The congregation may add their own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

The Lay Minister may remember the altar flower dedications and the prayers for those members of our community and extended community as printed at the bottom of the order of service.

*The Celebrant, if applicable: We especially remember God's servant(s) _____. Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.** May [his/her/their] soul(s) and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, **rest in peace.** Amen.*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

(The choice of the Eucharistic Prayer is at the discretion of the Celebrant)

Offertory Hymn 610 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

Doxology

The Sanctus

The Breaking of the Bread

Music During the Distribution: *And Jesus Said.* Tate

The Post-Communion Prayer, page 365

Recessional Hymn 344 *Lord Dismiss Us*

Postlude: *Voluntary on Lasst uns erfreuen Lebenbauer*

Participants:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. John Branson

Musician and Choir Director: Michelle Fraser

Lay Minister: Deb Melycher

Lector: Jessica Skolozdra

Altar Guild: Lisa Caivano

Video: Bob Skolozdra

Counters: Margaret Moreau and Steve Burt

Ecclesia Canem: Brother Jesse, CGC

Stewards of the Sacred Space: Ruth Beardsley and Michelle Fraser

Flower dedication: none this week

In our Petitions and Thanksgivings:

Jayne Johnson, Madeline Slicer, Doris Beswick, Sandy, Cate Horton, Lisa Caivano, Patricia, Paul, Frankie Sylvester, Pat Ryan, Rosalie Molnar, Steve, Nancy, Margaret Clements, Jeff Boyd, Greg Banks, John Matheson, Owen Horvath, Sharon Patrick, Josephine, William, Kerri Guida, Joan, MaryBeth Vientos, Charlie