

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Morning Prayer  
Rite II**



**St. Luke's Church  
9:00 am  
May 5, 2024**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN 576

Here in Christ we gather *Mandatum*

*Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)*

God is love, God is love,

*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is

God him - self is there. there. \_\_\_\_\_

God him - self is there. there. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy.  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim  
your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

## Pascha nostrum

*Officiant and People*

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.**

## **PSALM 98**

***Lector and People. Read by half verse.***

- <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.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 21

## You are God

*Te Deum laudamus*

### *Officiant and People*

**You are God: we praise you;**

**You are the Lord: we acclaim you;**

**You are the eternal Father:**

**All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,**

**Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.**

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;**

**Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,**

**the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free**

**you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death**

**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

***Officiant and People***

**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.***

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

A Reading from the First letter of John.

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.

*Lector*            **The Word of the Lord.**

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

***Please stand as you are able.***

# HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



### **THIRD READING: John 15:9-17**

A Reading from John.

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.”

*Officiant*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **REFLECTION**

**Meditative Music**    **It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

### *Officiant and People*

**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 people stand or kneel.*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

### *Officiant*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

*Officiant and 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, forever and ever.**

*Amen.*

**SUFFRAGES**

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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

### *Officiant*

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.*

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

### *Officiant*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

### *Officiant*

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.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

### *Officiant and People*

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.

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

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

*The Officiant processes to the back of the church in silence.*

## **St. Luke's Song "Let There be Peace on Earth"**

**Let there be peace on Earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be**

**With God as Creator  
Kindred all are we  
Let me walk with my family  
In perfect harmony.**

**Let there be peace right here  
For loved ones and in our hearts  
Give ourselves to bring good cheer  
Feed the hungry and do our part**

**To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on Earth  
And let it begin with me**

### ***Officiant***

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

***Postlude***

**My Heart Ever Faithful**

***J.S. Bach***

**Members and Friends of St. Luke's  
Serving Today**

**Officiant: Dan Fullin**  
**Lector: Bruce Westall**  
**Piano: Amanda Parker**  
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