



### **The Sixth Sunday in Easter**

**May 5, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

### **The Holy Eucharist**

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you are here. If you are new to us today and have questions about our worship, please ask our ushers or one of our members in the pews. Here is some information to assist you:

Children's Chapel meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Nursery care is available in the Parish Hall. Your infants and toddlers are welcome to stay in the nursery during the church service.

#### Other Helpful Information

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall and behind the church.

The Book of Common Prayer is red.

The Hymnal is blue. Numbers preceded by "S" are in the front of the hymnal.

Food and Beverage We thank you for not eating or drinking in the church.

Communion All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive wine by drinking from the chalice, please go to the right at the communion rail. To receive wine through intinction, go to the left; a member of the clergy will dip your wafer in the intinction cup and hand it to you. To take just the wafer or to receive only a blessing, please go to the right. *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.* To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer communion be brought to you in your pew, let the usher know.

We will continue to livestream worship on YouTube for our online community. We hope that by offering an option for online worship, those who are not able to come to church will feel connected.

### **Our Mission**

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all;  
serving God, each other, and the community.

*This is a holy time and place. Please prepare for worship in silence, so others may do the same.*

### The Word of God

**Prelude**                      *Etude op. 25 no. 1*    Chopin

**Processional** "Christ is alive!"    Hymnal 182

**Salutation**    BCP 355

*Celebrant*                      Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**The Collect for Purity**                      *Said in unison*    BCP 355

*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.*

**Song of Praise** "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis.*    Hymnal S 280

### The Collect of the Day

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.***

*Please be seated.*

**The First Reading**    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.***

**The Response** *The choir leads the congregation in chanting the psalm.*

**Psalm 98**



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***Cantate Domino***

- 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 there-**in**.
- 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**.

**The Second Reading**

**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** "O Love of God, how strong and true"

**Hymnal 455**

**The Holy Gospel** *Remain standing.*

**John 15:9-17**

Deacon                The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People                *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

Deacon                The Gospel of the Lord.  
People                *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Robin Teasley

The Nicene Creed        *Please stand as you are 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.*

*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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.\**

\*The translation of the Nicene Creed was approved for congregational use at the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church and is published in [Text Of Expansive Language Liturgies From Resolution 2018-D078](#).

**The Prayers of the People** *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

In this Easter Season, we celebrate the resurrection and our union with Christ in his risen life. Knowing that we are a beloved and redeemed people, let us pray to God who raised his son from the dead, saying “hear our prayer.”

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For the courage and the grace to be a Beloved Community, welcoming everyone.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For all houses and places of worship, especially for St. Paul’s, Haymarket.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our bishops, for the clergy of St. John’s, and for all who proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For the elected leaders and unelected policy makers of our nation, and for an informed and active citizenry.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For justice and peace on this earth, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Haiti, South Sudan, and other places of unrest.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For your creation, which you have called good, that our hearts may be enriched to care for it.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are sick, addicted, struggling, burdened, or suffering, especially Claire, Johnny, Barbara, Lana, Marti, Judith, Brett, Mike, Chase, Cathy, Pauline, Jane, Kate, George, Mark, John, Stokes, Anne, Shelby, Claudia, Faye, Paul, Will, Mary, Dudley, and Paul.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For the dying and the dead, especially for Charlie Coleman, who died recently.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For the newly born, especially Juliet Pole, daughter of John and Sarah Elizabeth Pole and little sister of Charles and Theodore.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For our own needs and thanksgiving, which we offer either silently or aloud.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

*Silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

## Announcements

The Offertory Anthem *Panis Angelicus*

Saint-Saëns

The Presentation of the Offering “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!” *verse 3*

Hymnal 205

3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that

3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:

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

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

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

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## The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 125

*The Celebrant continues as participants kneel or remain standing.*

The Great Amen

WL&P 863

A - men. A - men. A - men.

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

*Cantor or Choir*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

*Congregation*

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be

known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the

*Cantor or Choir*

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

*Congregation*

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord

Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Please sit or kneel. All are welcome at Christ's table. *To receive wine by drinking from the chalice, please go to the right at the communion rail. To receive wine through intinction, go to the left; a member of the clergy will dip your wafer in the intinction cup and hand it to you.* To take just the wafer or to receive only a blessing, please go to the right. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.* To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer communion be brought to you in your pew, let the usher know.

Communion Hymns "One bread, one Body"

LEVAS 151

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

*Last time* ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,  
 2. works, one in the Lord  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

1. — no more. One  
 2. — of all. One  
 3. — for all. One

*D.S.*

⊕ CODA

Lord.

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## The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

## The Blessing

Recessional "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Hymnal 344

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

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

## Postlude



### **Welcome to St. John's Church**

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John's Church your spiritual home. Please complete a visitor card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate to receive our weekly email. We hope that you will join us immediately following the service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.

### **Prayer for St. John's Church**

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

### **Land Acknowledgment**

Please join us in acknowledging and honoring the Indigenous peoples who are the original inhabitants of the land on which St. John's Church now stands: the Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Monacan, Nansemond, Nottoway, Pamunkey, Patawomeck, Powhatan, Upper Mattaponi, and Rappahannock tribes. We offer our respect to their tribal members past and present.

*Thank you for disposing of your bulletin and insert in the recycling receptacle  
if you do not intend to take them with you.*

### **Serving this Morning**

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Robin Teasley
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Robin Teasley
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. JD Dickinson
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Curt Sydnor
<b>LEM</b>	Cabell Jones
<b>Crucifer</b>	John King
<b>Acolyte</b>	Serafina Stamm
<b>Lectors</b>	Cabell Jones, Lisa Wood, Daryl Quackenbush
<b>Ushers</b>	Cheryl DePodesta and Ann Hardy
<b>Greeter</b>	Cal Buchanan
<b>Tellers</b>	Daryl Quackenbush and Laura Streat
<b>Children's Chaplain</b>	The Rev. Anne Lane Witt
<b>Videographer</b>	Mac Woolley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy Dixon, Lisa Wood, Sarah File, and Raymond Elmore
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Samia Amrouche

The Rev. Amelie Wilmer, *Rector*, [awilmer@saintjohnsrichmond.org](mailto:awilmer@saintjohnsrichmond.org) (on sabbatical)  
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