HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

May 22nd, 2022

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. John 14:23



Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Gloria



Collect of The Day: Gracious God, through a vision you sent forth Paul to preach the gospel and called the women to a place of prayer on the sabbath. Like Paul and Lydia, may our hearts respond to your word and be open to go where you lead us. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Acts 16:9-15. Paul's second great missionary journey began at Caesarea Philippi (north of the Sea of Galilee), proceeding through modern Syria to Antioch, then northwest through Asia Minor to Troas on the Aegean Sea. Sailing from there, he and his companions arrived eventually at Philippi, the first Christian mission in Europe.

A reading from Acts (16:9-15) (Cathy Harvey)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67. This hymn of praise is likely a thanksgiving prayer after a successful harvest had brought relief from a severe famine. The psalm would have been sung during the Feast of Tabernacles, the fall harvest festival.

Psalm 67



May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. R

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity, and guide all the nations upon earth. R Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. R

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5. John sees God's holy city of the redeemed, for which God and Christ provide eternal light and life. A vision by the prophet Ezekiel and the Garden of Eden provided Old Testament models for the New Jerusalem. All believers may share this beatific vision made possible by the visible presence of God and Christ. The whole scene takes place on earth which has been spiritually transformed.

A reading from Revelation (21:10, 22-22:5) (Cathy Harvey)

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will

bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #482: Come and Journey with a Saviour



- 5 Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer. In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere. Refrain
- 6 Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King. Refrain

John 14:23-29. Jesus continues to prepare his followers for his departure. Judas (not Iscariot) has asked him: "'how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answers indirectly: loving him implies obeying him. At the end of time, there will be no separation between God and humans who love him. Scripture Intros written by The Rev. Robin Walker.

The Gospel Reading (John 14:23-29)

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



Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The Gospel of Christ



Gospel Acclamation:



Sermon: The Rev. Danielle Key

The Nicene Creed:

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People (Lynn Lepine)

Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen**.

Eucharistic Prayer 6

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

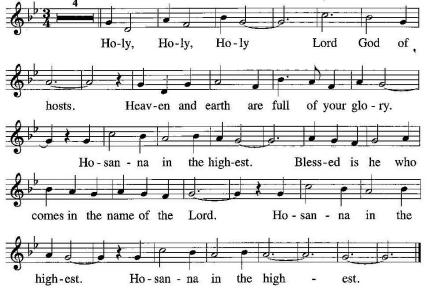
Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to glorify you, Creator, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we sing,



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. O God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Virgin Mary, he lived and died as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new. And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for

him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: at supper with them he 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." Creator, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

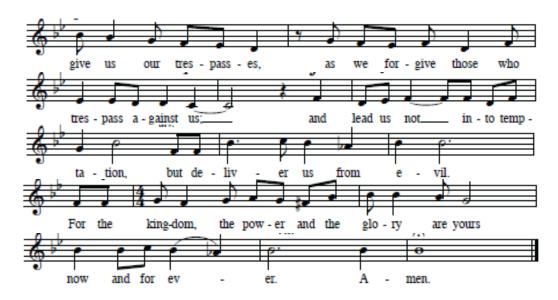
O God, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer (All Sing)

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,





The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

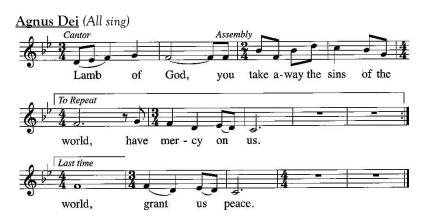
Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The table is set, all are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The bread is gluten free for all to share in the One Bread, One Body.



Communion Hymn #279: Lo! Round the Throne, a Glorious Band



Prayer after Communion: Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**.

The Doxology:

Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; and may the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of God's hand. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you now and always. **Amen**.



The Dismissal

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the risen Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!