



Worship Booklet for Christ the Lord Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9, 2021
 === **In-Person Service with Full Eucharist** ===
The Season of Easter / Mother's Day
THE ORDER OF SERVICE



Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

The Word of God

Opening Hymn – Hymnal #8, "Morning Has Broken," v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1:

Morning has broken like the first morning,
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Verse 2:

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
 like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Verse 3:

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
 born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's re-creation of the new day!

Opening Acclamation

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.

Gloria *Celebrant and People say together*

*Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect, Lessons, and Gospel:

The Collect of the Day *From Planning for Rites and Rituals 2020-2021*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Presider 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. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Reading: The Old Testament – Acts 10:44-48

Reader: 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

Reader and People say responsively

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Second Reading: The Epistle – 1 John 5:1-6

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

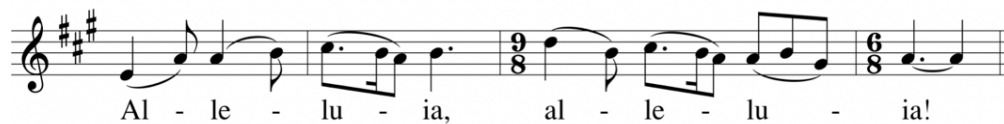
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not 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.

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People *Thanks be to God.*

***Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia** *After a brief introduction, sing two times through*



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The Gospel – John 15:9-17

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, O 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.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

The Sermon – Rev. Lois

The Nicene Creed *From the Book of Common Prayer*

*We believe in one God,
the Father 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 of the Virgin Mary,
and was made 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 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.*

Prayers of the People – for Mother’s Day

Reader leads and People respond

Reader On this Mother’s Day, let us pray for our world and, especially, for all mothers and women in the world.

(silence)

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader For all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other women who have cared for us, in thanksgiving for their loving care.

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader For those whose mothers are absent or insufficient in parenting skills, that they might find others to care for and nurture them.

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader For all women who are expecting babies and for those who are having difficulty conceiving or those who have had miscarriages or lost babies or children.

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader For mothers throughout the world who try to protect their children in the midst of domestic violence, poverty, war, famine, disease, or other difficult circumstances.

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader For our Mother Earth, who nourishes and sustains us in every moment and to whom we owe our love, gratitude, and protection.

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader For these special concerns and thanksgivings which we share . . .

****Congregation members’ prayers & thanksgivings will be read at the altar****

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader For all who have died, especially for our mothers and other important women in our lives.

****Congregation members’ memorial prayers will be read at the altar****

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader We ask your special blessing today upon those who will receive the layette clothing and blankets from us, that the gifts they receive might be a blessing to them and a sign of your presence in their lives.

Christ in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Presider concluding collect:

Loving God, who watches over us like a mother over her children, strengthen the faithful, grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Please note: We will not be exchanging The Peace or doing Community Prayer Concerns due to the continuing pandemic circumstances.

Invitation to The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Doxology

*All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbors.

*All Almighty and merciful God,
We have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
Help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer B *From the Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People 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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for

us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Sanctus**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

The Lord's Prayer And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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 After a short silence, the following is said:

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

***Fraction Anthem**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread, when we drink this
cup, we pro - claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you
come, un - til you come in glo - ry!

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Presider 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.

Following the cue of the Priest, we will have communion together.

You may participate at home by taking your prepared hosts at this time.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

Communion Hymn – Red Spiral Songbook, p. 87,
“Spirit of the Living God” / “Where He Leads Me”

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Where He leads me, I will follow.	I can hear my Savior calling,
Where He leads me, I will follow.	I can hear my Savior calling,
Where He leads me, I will follow.	I can hear my Savior calling,
I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.	Saying, "Follow, follow, follow Me."

God will give me grace and glory,
God will give me grace and glory,
God will give me grace and glory,
I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *The Presider and People pray together*

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Presider Blessing *Adapted from the old Sarum Rite, Salisbury Cathedral, 11th c.*

May the Lord direct our hearts,
this day and for ever,
in the love of God
and in the patient waiting for Christ.

The Lord bless us
and preserve us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn – Hymnal #376, "Joyful, Joyful," v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1:

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Verse 2:

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3:

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

