# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



"Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles" by Duccio (1260-1318)

## Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 9:15 am



#### Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

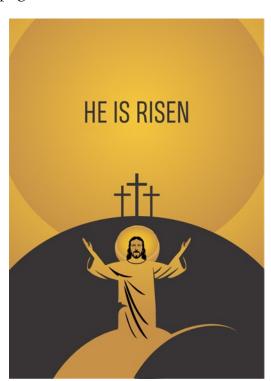
Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is printed in bold. This symbol & denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish.

Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

Easter is not only one of (if not THE) primary feasts of the Church calendar, it is also a season unto itself. Easter lasts for 50 days (until the Feast of Pentecost). During this time, we try to recreate some of the joy of that first Easter: you will see the church decorated more elaborately than usual, and we will bring back abundant "Alleluia"s, which were suppressed during Lent. The liturgical color is white, reflecting the common tradition of baptisms being held on Easter Sunday or at the Easter Vigil, and the Paschal candle\* will burn throughout the season as a symbol of the risen Christ and a reminder of his light in the world.

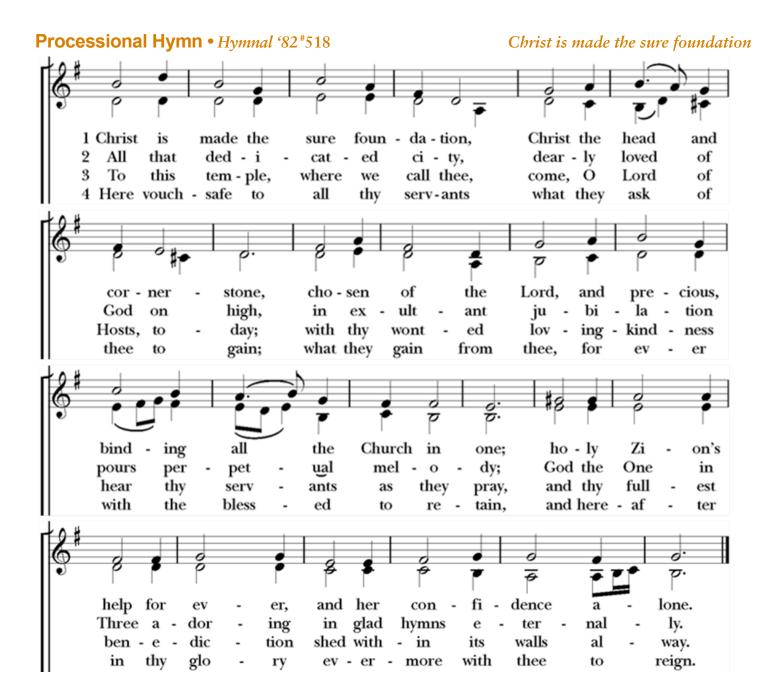
\*Emmanuel's Paschal candle is hand painted by our own Deacon, Bill Rimkus. This year, Deacon Bill drew his inspiration from Emmanuel's *Te Deum* window, which is itself inspired by the ancient hymn of the same name (see page 95 of the Book of Common Prayer for the text).



Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

**Prelude** 

Air Gavotte Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)



### **Opening Acclamation**

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant

People

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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** • *Hymnal* '82 \*S-280

Please use your blue hymnal found in the pew pockets in front of you

Collect of the Day

BCP p.225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lesson** • *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Acts 16:9-15

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 worshiper 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. Thanks be to God.





- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations. *Refrain by all*
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you. *Refrain by all*
- The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. *Refrain by all*

### **The Second Lesson** • A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel 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 honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices 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 forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand and sing and remain standing for the Gospel reading.



The Gospel John 14:23-29

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

Jesus [said to Judas (not Iscariot),] "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."

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon Deacon Bill Rimkus

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

#### The Nicene Creed

BCP p.358

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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 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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Christ, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Paula our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** Christ, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Christ, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People** Christ, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O God our Creator

Additional intercessions are offered and then the Deacon adds a concluding collect:

Deacon For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Please be seated.

# The Holy Communion

## **Offertory Music**

If ye love Me Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The Doxology • Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.

### The Great Thanksgiving

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP p.367

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

#### Celebrant and People

### Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-125



#### The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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;

#### The Celebrant continues

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**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

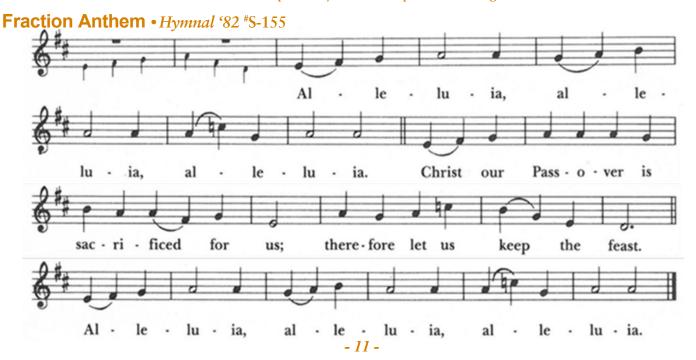
The Lord's Prayer

BCP p.364

Celebrant 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung



#### The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.



Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise



### **Prayer after Communion**

All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing ₩

### Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 #405

### All things bright and beautiful



The Dismissal BCP p.366

Deacon People Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude** 

Postlude in D Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Spencer Coffee's birthday and in memory of his beloved grandmother Edith Henderson on her birthday from Bill and Margaret Coffee.

## THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, May 25th

\*\*\*\*Summer Service Time Starts\*\*\*\*

- 9:15am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 10:15am, Coffee Hour

### Sunday, June 1st Outdoor Service \*weather permitting\*

- 9:15am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 10:15am, Coffee Hour

Birthdays: Megan Knecht, Laura Sirp, Theresa Millikin, Elliot Borge, Pam Duncan, Spencer Coffee and Jason Poje

**Anniversaries:** We wish Judy & Alex Kerr, Kate & Pete Letarte, Danielle & Dan Steed, Megan & Garrett Knecht all very Happy Anniversaries.

In our prayers: Kevin, Jack, Erin, Janice, Kurt, Michael, Claire, Jeanine, Rose, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee

#### **Upcoming Graduations**

Jacob Goes graduated from his PhD program on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations!

**Rev. Dave** will begin his sabbatical on June 8th, returning in October. During his time away, please contact Rev. Kate for any pastoral needs or the church office for other matters. Please hold him in your prayers as he completes his coursework and doctoral thesis at the University of the South.

The church office will be closed from May 26<sup>th</sup> to Mon July 1<sup>st</sup>. Judy will be working remotely as much as possible and will answer any questions via email as best she can. Thank you

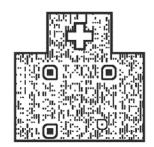
#### <u>Updates on Refugee Resettlement</u>

The landscape of refugee resettlement is rapidly changing. Emmanuel is collecting a Household Care Pack to deliver to a family in June - sign up to provide items by going to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/EECHomePack">https://tinyurl.com/EECHomePack</a> (or, scan the church-shaped QR code above). Please bring your items to church by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

<u>David E. Weaver</u> grant scholarship applications are invited at this time, if you have any suggestions for potential community partners. Projects with budgets of \$1,000 to \$2,000 will be considered. Applications are due June 8th 2025. Winners will be notified approximately in due course. Please email your completed application form to Rachel Weaver Rivera at <a href="mailto:imagineartstudio@sbcglobal.net">imagineartstudio@sbcglobal.net</a>. Questions may be addressed to Committee member Rachel Weaver Rivera at 773-203-6659 or <a href="mailto:imagineartstudio@sbcglobal.net">imagineartstudio@sbcglobal.net</a>.

<u>Summer Coffee Hour</u> – Please join us for coffee hour & fellowship every Sunday after the 9:15am service. If you would like to host a coffee hour to celebrate an occasion, or just because, please sign up using the sheets at the back of the church, or reply to an invitation that you may have received through Breeze. Thank you.

<u>Choir Summer break</u> Thank you to our choir for their time and dedication this last 9 months. They will begin their summer recess today, although they will return on Pentecost Sunday (9:15am) June 8<sup>th</sup> for a special service, and will return in September. If you want to join the choir, you are very welcome. Please contact our Music Director, Rich Spantikow at <u>music@eeclg.org</u>.





Tuesdays at 7:30am Contemplative Prayer (online) Contemplative Prayer (online) Thursdays at 7:30am

> at 8:00pm Compline (online)

at 9:15am (summer hours) Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music) Sundays

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### **Serving Today**

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