

The Collect of the Day *Standing**Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And also with you.**

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.*

Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.****Psalm 66:7-18** *sung*

Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips**and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *

and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *

the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *

nor withheld his love from me.**Reader: A reading from First Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be

intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of The Lord.*All:* **Thanks be to God.****Gradual Hymn***Come down, O Love divine*

Hymnal 516

The Gospel: John 14:15-21*Reader:* The Holy Gospel....*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Sermon**

The Rev'd Fr. Matthew Ainsley

The Nicene Creed *Standing, said by all*

BCP 358

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 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 Form VI

BCP 392

Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Jake, our Bishop, for Matt and Jake, our priests, for Honey, our Deacon, and for all the clergy;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence**The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence**The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence**The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.***The Peace***Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.****Welcome and Announcements****THE HOLY COMMUNION****Offertory Sentence****Offertory Anthem***Cast thy Burden*

Mehndleson

The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3

Hymnal 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sursum Corda

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you*All:* **And also with you***Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.*All:* **We lift them to the Lord***Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*All:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise***Proper preface is said*

The Sanctus *Sung by all* Hymnal S-129
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A *with people kneeling* BCP 363

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith;
All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

The Celebrant Continues BCP 363

The Lord's Prayer *Said by all* BCP 364

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 continues

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei S- 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns *Bread of heaven, on thee we feed* Hymnal 323
O Jesus, crowned with all renown Hymnal 292

Postcommunion Prayer *Said by all* BCP 366

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 forever. *Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God**

Closing Hymn *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* Hymnal 344

Postlude



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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Kelly and Dave Domangue, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachele Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, the Family of Quinten, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Valery, Catherine McGowen, Dorothy Goings, Amber, Pauline, Sandie Jordan, Donald Leger, Jr., Sasha, Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Tom & Jillian, Mark & Frevet, Stephanie, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Mona Coulter, Patricia Coleman, Susan Segura, the family of Randy Morgan, Logan Kisamore, Lois Henry, Carol Gilley, Phil Swift, Lynn Trahan, Valerie Daly, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, Remi and Joseph, Melissa Keane, Guy Ellison, Jr., Archie Ganucheau, Sandy Bernard, Nick Domino, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Barnabas in Lafayette, Asbury United Methodist Church, and The Church of Pakistan. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Martha Tolley Davis Odom and Martha Elizabeth Odom*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Happy Mother's Day to all the women who nurture, guide, and love with God's grace.
We thank God for you and pray you feel deeply appreciated today.*

Parish Picnic rescheduled for Sunday, May 31st. One service at 10 am. Picnic following at 11:30 am.

Security Update: Effective immediately, our resource officers will be actively providing security on Sunday mornings by being stationed at the main entrance to the Church, where they will remain throughout the service.

Lectors: Kathy Knierim
Ushers: Jeff Straub and Mike Immel
Greeter: Carol Goings
Acolytes: Abigail Adams, Anna-Grace Adams, Amelia Adams, Rosalina Dasilva
Music: Stacey Shumaker, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist
Church Office Hours: Monday -Friday: 9:00am -2:30pm



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Welcome

We welcome all those who have come to worship with us today, and please come back often. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in our worshiping and celebration of God's love. Please fill out a "Communication Card" in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so that we can extend our hospitality to you beyond our doors.

*The nursery is available for infants and toddlers.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026
11:00 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn *All creatures of our God and King* Hymnal 400

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. *All:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

The Gloria *Glory to God* Hymnal S-280
The "S" indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.*