

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



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The Word of God

Prelude

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Paul Manz

Celebrant
People

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 192 This joyful Eastertide

Vruechten

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The Lessons

A reading from 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

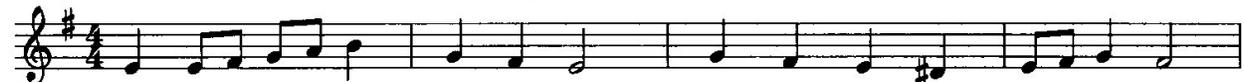
In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Love's redeeming work is done

Aberystwyth



Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight the bat - tle won.

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Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a dise. Lives a - gain our

10



glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting? Once he died our

14



souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

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

John 14:23-29

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."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gail Smith

The Nicene Creed

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 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 Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray especially for: Milt Barnes Jr., Don Beall, Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Robin Bruckner, Emmett Collins, Terri Ducharme, Joy Egan, The Gallahue Family, Geri Gordon, Mary Beth Guiliano, John Hollywood, Ruth Evans Jones, Billy Kirkby, Joan Kirkby, George Lambros, Leo Liatsos, Joe Manson, Ed Mason, Jack McElhinney, Matt Muir, O.J. Murphy, Bill Nemitz, Callie O'Brian, Dianna Oliveira, Jennifer Peters, Linda Staab, Don Usher, Bill Wahlquist, Bob, Donna, Grace, Jack, John, Lauren, Mike, Veronica. (For those we name silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (For those we name silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collects

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for all our ministries; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. 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 Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory

See the Land

Alice Jordan

Text: See the land, her Easter keeping, riseth as her maker rose. Seeds so long in darkness sleeping burst at last from winter's snows. Earth with heaven above rejoices; fields and gardens hail the spring. Hills and woodlands ring with voices. All creatures sing, "Alleluia!"

The Great Thanksgiving

(Please stand as you are able.)

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our eternal God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

God who moves in light and love and life:
From before time you have nurtured this creation
as a loving parent cares for a beloved child.

You fill it with beauty and, by its bounty,
provide for its every need.
In your good time you brought us forth from the world,
created in your image.

You made us stewards of this good earth
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.
Then, as now, you spoke your love
in many different languages, so that all might hear.

You spoke to your people Israel and set them apart
as a blessing to all people, and from them,
again in your good time, you raised up a servant for us all,
the eternal Word, Jesus, who would give his life for those he loved
in hopes of bringing them new life.

And, singing with the whole company of heaven,
we join those from every time and tongue and tribe
who proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus S-125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Jesus, the Blessed One, came and moved among us,
healed, cured, and calmed,
and challenged the authorities of this world
to be faithful stewards of your people
and messengers of your love.

On the night, he was taken captive
by powers and principalities,
Jesus spoke new words over bread and wine with his friends.

And so, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be,
for your people, the Body and Blood of Christ; who,
on the night before he died for us, took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus 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 a new Covenant, which is poured out for you and
for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Gathered here as the stewards of this table, and following your command,

People

**We remember His death,
We proclaim His resurrection,
We await His coming in glory.**

Celebrant

And we celebrate, O God,
this memorial of Christ our Savior.
With holy bread and cup,
we show forth the sacrifice of Christ’s death, and we proclaim
His resurrection, until He comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion,
and, as you have blessed these gifts to be the body and blood of Christ,
bless us also to become Christ’s Body in the world.

Knit together in your love,
and so made one in your eternal purpose,
we offer and present to you, O God,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to become a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Christ our Passover (S-154)

Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, We believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while we are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. As we receive you in spirit, we long to know your presence in the community of believers once again. Awaiting in hope, we rest in the faith that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love to others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn 204 Now the green blade riseth

Noel nouvelet



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

May the God who raises Jesus to new life, raise us up to good works and new faith. **Amen.**

May the God who raises us up, send us out to be holy people in the world. **Amen.**

May the God who sends us out, gather us again at a table in that kingdom which is both now and forever. **Amen.**

And, may the God of all grace, who creates, redeems and sanctifies all things, bless, preserve and keep you both now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn 214 Hail the day that sees him rise!

(see page 14)

Llanfair

Hymn 214 Hail the day that sees him rise!

Llanfair

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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