

The Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 • 9:30am



Welcome!

We joyfully welcome The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, and all of you, too!

It is our hope and prayer you will find our worship to be a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

After worship, we invite you to join us for a special brunch in the Parish Hall, straight ahead of you as you depart the Sanctuary. The restroom is located in the Parish Hall.

The Word of the Lord

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Hal Hopson

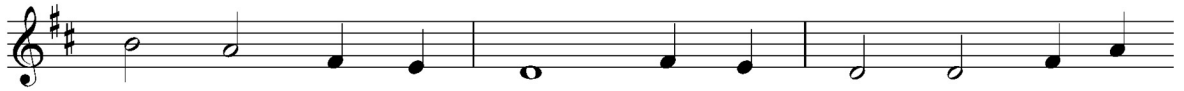
Processional Hymn *Please stand as you are able.*

Come, thou fount of every blessing

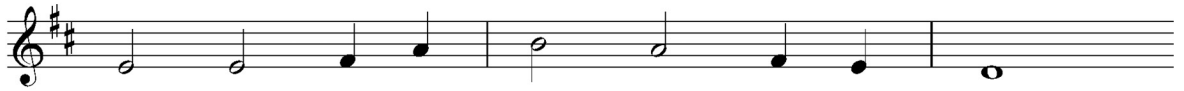
The Hymnal 1982 #686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



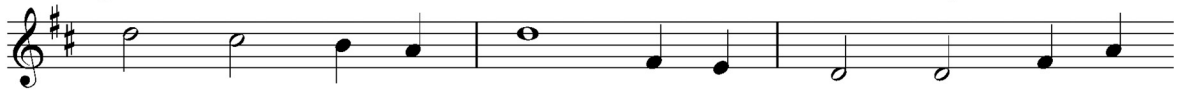
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Opening Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop 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 Reading

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *Said responsively by half verse.*

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

² With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

³ The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶ Sing to the Lord with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

The Hymnal 1982 #529

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

People **Glory to you, Lord 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidate will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Nichole to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidate I do.

When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says

The other Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present Cerredwyn for Confirmation.

I present Jennifer, Timothy, Ellen, Timothy, Allison, Michael, and Krissana to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Nichole who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Nichole Sacha Kanjilal

Bishop Nichole, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bishop Nichole, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Bishop Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Confirmation and Reception

The Bishop says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

Cerredwyn Rose Harper Horrigan

The Bishop lays hands upon the candidate and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Cerredwyn with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. Amen. **Amen.**

For Reception

Jennifer Ann Cavan, Timothy Powell Davis, Ellen Knight, Timothy M. Knight,
Allison Rachel Minutello, Michael Francis Minutello, Krissana Lee Wallace

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your caring hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

All we have and all we are is of God. We give to the Church in thanksgiving to God for all God has given us. Your offering supports the ministry of the Church of the Advent as we seek to be bearers of God's love and light.

The cash offering collected from bishop visitations is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Funds for Theological Education. Checks can be made payable to "EDOM" with "Theological Education" in the memo line.

Offertory Anthem *Sung by the choir.*

Ubi Caritas

Victor Johnson

Doxology *Please stand as you are able.*

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v.3

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Savior you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Bishop Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread *The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.*

The Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982 #S-154

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.

Bishop 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.

Communion

All who seek Christ or a deeper knowledge of Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward to the altar rail, filling in on the sides, and stand or kneel to receive Communion. Cup your hands to receive the bread. You may receive the wine by guiding the cup to your lips or by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not want to receive from the chalice, you may touch the chalice and say "Amen" when the Eucharistic Minister says "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Gluten-free wafers are available. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the bishop will offer a blessing. If you need Communion brought to you, please notify the usher.

Post Communion Prayer *Please stand as you are able.*

Bishop Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing *The Bishop says the blessing, The people respond Amen.*

The Recessional Hymn

We all are one in mission

Wonder, Love, and Praise #778



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

*The Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving
for The Episcopate of The Rt. Rev. M. Alan Gates.*

Participants

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates
Bishop's Chaplain	Julie House
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell
Organist	Eric Bouwman-Wozencraft
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jill Seiler-Moon
Lector	Riley Davidson
Litanist	Harper Deshaies
Acolytes	Bobby Ford and William Ford
Church School Teacher	Donna Baker
Altar Guild	Sue Gipson
Flower Guild	Pam Heide
Camera Operator	Kim Schubert
Ushers	Nancy and Don Miller
Counter	Jeanne Hill
Coffee Hour Hosts	Christine Babson, Lucy Bullock-Sieger, Sue Gipson, Nancy Harrington, Allison Minutello
Candidate for Baptism	Nichole Sacha Kanjilal
Candidate for Confirmation	Cerredwyn Rose Harper Horrigan
Candidates for Reception	Jennifer Ann Cavan, Timothy Powell Davis, Ellen Knight, Timothy M. Knight, Allison Rachel Minutello, Michael Francis Minutello, Krissana Lee Wallace

Announcements

Welcome! If you're visiting or new to Advent, please fill out a Welcome Card in your pew. You can place it in the offertory plate or hand it to Rev. Lynn. We'd love to connect with you!

Today's Offering: The cash offering collected from bishop visitations is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Funds for Theological Education. Checks can be made payable to "EDOM" with "Theological Education" in the memo line.

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