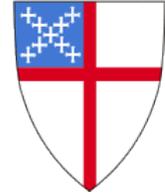




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

## *Sixth Sunday in Easter*

MAY 9, 2021 | YEAR B | RITE II



- THE LITURGY OF THE WORD -

The people's responses are in **bold**

**PRELUDE** | *BLESSED ARE YOU, JESUS CHRIST* | J.G. Walther, b. 1684

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** | BCP 355 | Fr. Birch

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** | BCP 355 | Fr. Birch

*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.  
*People* **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** | BCP 356 | David Hurd, b.1934

*Choir / People*

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

| BCP 225

| Fr. Birch

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48 (NRSV)

| Lector

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**W**hile 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.**

*Silence may follow.*

PSALM 98

| BCP 612

| Lector

*Cantate Domino*

**S**ing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

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.

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of John.

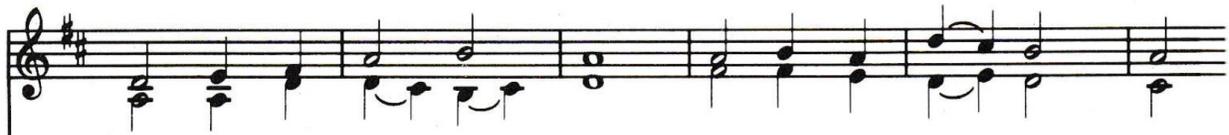
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not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

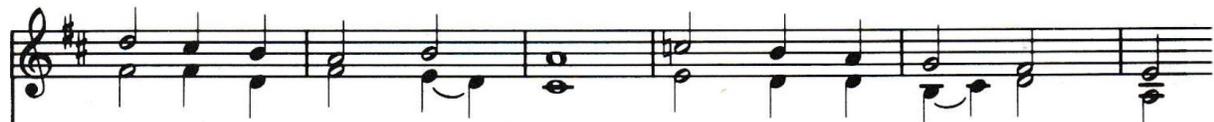
**HYMN** | # 516 *COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE* |



1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth-ly pas - sions turn  
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



1. and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 2. to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 3. shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



1. O Com-for - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 2. and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 3. for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place



1. and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 2. and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 3. where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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

*J*esus 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.”

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

THE SERMON

| Fr. Birch

THE NICENE CREED

| BCP 358

| Lector

*All* 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

| BCP 392 (VI)

| Dcn. Lauri

*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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Diana our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

| BCP 364

| Dcn. Lauri

*Deacon* As our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we now pray.

*All*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.

Amen.

**THE PEACE** | BCP 360 | Fr. Birch

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

**COLLECTS FOR ROGATION DAYS** | BCP 258 | Fr. Birch

*I. For fruitful seasons*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*II. For commerce and industry*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*III. For stewardship of creation*

*Celebrant* O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**THE BLESSING** | Fr. Birch

*Celebrant* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** | BCP 366 | Dcn. Lauri

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**  
**POSTLUDE** | *GLORIA PATRI*

| Jean Titelouze, b.1563

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