

May 5, 2024 | Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Natick MA

Prelude

"Romance, op. 36" by Camille Saint-Saëns

Opening Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

Blue Hymnal, #707

Liturgy of the Word

Book of Common Prayer, pg 355

Gloria

Front section of the blue hymnal, #S280

The Collect

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.*

Readings

A reading from the book of Acts (10:44-48)

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We will read from Psalm 98 responsively by whole verse

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for God has done marvelous things.

**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 God comes to judge the earth.**

10 In righteousness shall God judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A reading from the first book of John (5:1-6)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Blue Hymnal #508

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:9-17)

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Becky Binns

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg 358

Prayers of the People

Form III, Book of Common Prayer, pg 387

The Peace & Announcements

Offertory Music

"Be Thou My Vision" by Paul Basler

Doxology

Isaac Watts, Thomas Ken,
tweaked by St. Paul's staff

Old 100th hymn tune,
harm. after Louis Bourgeois

With vigor ♩ = 100

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise

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God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, pg 361

Sanctus

Green hymnal # 858

Communion Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Green hymnal #761

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, pg 365

Closing Hymn

“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer” (insert)

Dismissal

Clergy Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Mark Hayes

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