

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE Worthy is the Lamb

OPENING HYMN Crown him with many crowns, vv. 1,3,5 (*words on last page*) Hymnal 494

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Risen and Ascended Jesus, we believe that you are here with us by the power of your Holy Spirit, whom you promised to your disciples so they could be witnesses to your love and power. Pour your Spirit upon us now, we pray, that we may hear afresh the story of our salvation, the Good News of your forgiveness and love. So fill us with your Spirit that we are driven to bear witness to the ways you have acted in our lives, and in the life of the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93

¹ The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.

² God has made the whole world so sure **that it cannot be moved;**

³ Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; **you are from everlasting.**

⁴ The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁵ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

⁶ Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house,
O Lord, or ever and for evermore.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Joan Crittenden

PRAYER SONG

Merciful Lord

David Peacock, 1995

Mer-ci-ful Lord, in your lov-ing kind-ness hear our prayer, lis-ten
to our in-ter-ces-sion. Mer-ci-ful Lord, in your lov-ing kind-ness
hear our prayer, lis-ten to our in-ter-ces-sion.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please stand or kneel.)*

Please respond to: **Risen Lord Jesus with Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for new life, eternal life, which begins for us here and now in the season of Your Resurrection. We thank you for all gifts we name now, in silence or aloud ...

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we pray for Your Church, that all over the world we might bear your life to the world.

Bless our clergy leaders: our bishops, Mariann and Chilton; our clergy, Kate and Joan; and all believers.

Equip us to go and tell the Good News that you are risen from the dead.

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we pray for this world for which you lived and died and rose again, for your peace in all places torn by violence or terror or famine or disease or despair, especially places we name now...

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country and leaders, especially our president, Joe, and the leaders of our communities. Deliver us from complacency and show us where to participate in reconciliation and restoration.

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Jesus, your resurrection gives us confidence to pray for healing, as you remain active through your Spirit in the Church. In faith we invite your healing and wholeness for all those whom we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list; and all others whom we name before you, in silence or aloud....

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, we celebrate your victory over death itself, praying for those who have gone before us into eternal life, especially for... Even at the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Risen Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE (*Standing*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.

OFFERTORY HYMN

More love, more power (*words on last page*)

Jude del Hierro, 1987

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

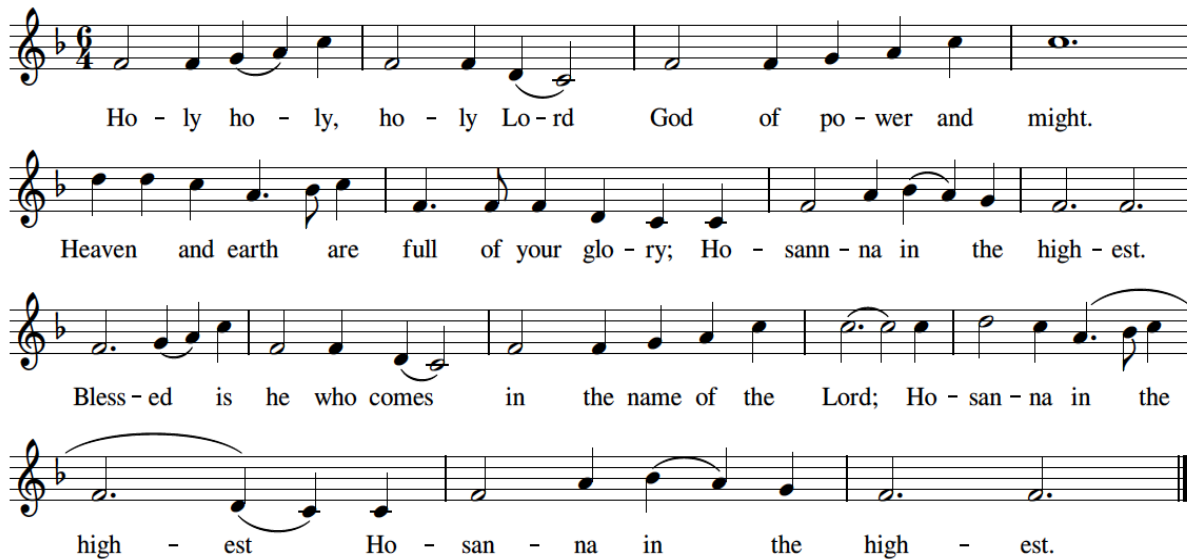
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Land of Rest



Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd God of po - wer and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - sann - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 to remember me.”

After supper he 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE COMMUNION

Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

COMMUNION MUSIC Let your spirit come John Chisum

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us at your Table and at our tables, with the Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. We thank you for giving us the story of our life in you, and for having written us in by your living Word. Embolden us to tell our stories to those whom we encounter; embolden us to tell the Good News of salvation to this thirsty world.

Lord, you told us to be your witnesses unto the ends of the earth. Give us the commitment and perseverance and strength to do as you command, in the power and love of the Holy Spirit, in whom we pray. **Amen**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Hail the day that sees him rise, vv. 1-2 (*words on last page*) Hymnal 214

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

THE PRAYERS

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Beverly Weatherly, Duana Page, Paula Clark, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Beverly Stone, Gary Murray, Susan White, Benji, Garner Burroughs, Andie Corby, Jane, Michelle

Those Who Have Died:

Birthdays: Jonathan Blackard, 5/21

Anniversaries: Lou and Connie Demas, 5/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST WORSHIP - Taking the Love Outside Next Sunday!

Weather permitting, our Pentecost services at 9 am (Wayside) and 11 am (La Plata) will take place outside with great celebrations of the Holy Spirit. The 11 am will also be on Zoom and Facebook Live. No registration needed, but do wear masks and bring chairs if you have them; we'll provide if you don't. Let's worship together safely and open ourselves to the gifts of the Spirit!

PRAYERS AT THE PORT RETURNS! Sunday, June 13th, 11 o'clock Port Tobacco

We will once again have a chance to worship jointly on the grounds of the original Christ Church in Port Tobacco. The building will be open for use of restrooms, and a docent will be on hand to offer tours after our worship. Traditionally, we have a picnic after worship. We're not yet at the point of serving food, given Covid risks, but we can have a BYO-picnic. Drinks will be provided. Save the date!

SHARING OUR LIFE-SKILLS WITH YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE - The Charles County Dept of Social Services has invited us to create a program to build relationships and share life-skills with some of the most vulnerable adolescents in our community - teens in foster care and soon to age out. These young people need to know how to manage money, find and keep jobs and housing, eat economically and healthily, dress appropriately - skills that many of our kids learn naturally in our families. We can be extended family to these youths so they can emerge from the foster system productive, functional, grounded young adults - a win for the larger community as well as for the kids. Please let Rev. Kate know if you'd like to be a part of this as we build it - it will likely involve a monthly get-together, online at first.

TUTORING PROGRAM – Children in Charles County Public Schools need tutors – please volunteer a little time each week to work with a child in need. Tutoring will be done by Zoom, with support from our team. Please contact Deacon Joan if you'd like to learn more, or click [here](#) to register.

ONLINE GIVING - You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. A 2.6% fee is charged for credit or debit cards - you'll have the option to include that in your gift or not. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also give online - go to www.christchurchlaplata.org and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

Crown him with many crowns, vv. 1,3,5

Hymnal 494

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

OFFERTORY HYMN

More love, more power (*words on last page*)

Jude del Hierro, 1987

- 1 More love, more power, more of You in my life. *repeat*
And I will worship You with all of my heart;
And I will worship You with all of my mind.
And I will worship You with all of my strength, for You are my God.
- 2 More love, more power, more of You in my life. *repeat*
And I will seek Your face with all of my heart;
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind.
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength, for You are my God.

Repeat

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let your Spirit come

Let your Spirit come (*echo*), fall upon me now (*echo*)

Let your Spirit come (*echo*), fall upon me now (*echo*)

Let the rain fall down (*echo*), pour upon my soul (*echo*)

Come and wash me now (*echo*), come and make me whole (*echo*).

Repeat

CLOSING HYMN

Hail the day that sees him rise, vv. 1-2

Hymnal 214

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!