

# **Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**May 5, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Episcopal Church  
of the Epiphany  
Crestview, Florida**

*Instructions for participating in the service appear in italics in the body of this service bulletin.*

*Hymns used today come from the Celebration Hymnal.*

**Prelude**

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**Entrance Hymn CH 435** God of grace and God of glory

### **The Word of God**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ has risen!

*People* The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!

*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.

*Amen.*

### **The Gloria (Hymn S-280)** *Sung by all*

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.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray together.

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 (insert)**

*The people sit*

**The First Lesson:** Acts 10:44-48

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord

*People*          Thanks be to God

### **Psalm 98**

**The Second Lesson:** 1 John 5:1-6

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord

*People*          Thanks be to God

**Gospel Hymn CH 429** They'll know we are Christians

*The people stand*

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

*People*          Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel:** John: 15 9-17

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord

*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. David M. Clothier

*A period of silence for quiet contemplation*

## **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 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.

*Stand or kneel*

## **The Prayers of the People (Form IV)**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*Response* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*Response* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For Adley, Alice, Amanda, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Bill, Buni, Brenda, Cindy, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Florie, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Judy, Julie, Katie, Kei’Mari, Keith, Mary, Maureen, Missy, Nancy, Pat, Phil, Phyllis, Steve, and Sybil.

*(The people may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.)*

Hear us, Lord;

*Response* For your mercy is great.

For this community, the nation, and the world, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, the Walton Correctional Institution, DeFuniak Springs;

*Response* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*Response* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, St. Paul’s, Daphne; and St. Paul’s, Foley;

*Response* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; David, our Vicar, for all bishops and other ministers, especially the newly ordained deacons in the diocese, Leanne, Jennifer, Ted, Jeanie, Pratt, and Pamela;

*Response* For all who serve God in his Church.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings, silently or aloud)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*Response* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Jeffrey Brink, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Response* Who put their trust in you.

*The Celebrant concludes with*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

*Response* And also with you.

*The people may exchange the Peace with one another*

## **Announcements**

### **Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

**Offertory Hymn CH 404** Faith of our fathers

## **Blessing of the Offering**

*People sing* All things come of thee O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Eucharist Prayer B**

*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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, 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 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:

#### **Sanctus S-125** *All sing*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

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 for the remembrance of 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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.



By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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**

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Response* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **The Invitation**

This is the table of our Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him,  
and those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that the people who want him should meet him here.

These are 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 and with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn CH 143** This is my Father's world

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray,

*People* Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and his Son our savior Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you always.

## **The Procession into the World**

**Hymn CH 433** Rise up O church of God

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

## **Postlude**

***Please remember in your prayers:***

Adley Hipwell, Amanda & Jacob White, Amanda Spradlin,  
Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell, Betty Schwartzkopf,  
Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner, Cindy Duffy, Debbie Evans,  
Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Florie Angelini, Janice Tyler,  
Jeff Evans, Judy Tinsley, Julie Hill, Kei’Mari Martin,  
Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte, Missy Jones,  
Nancy Delierre, Phil Phillips, Phyllis Alles,  
Steve & Buni O’Brien, and Sybil King.

***For the departed***

Jeffrey Brink

***In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer***

St. Paul’s. Daphne; St. Paul’s Foley; and  
Walton Correctional Institution, DeFuniak Springs

***Announcements***

- Potluck lunch today
- School for Ministry graduation — June 8
- Other graduates
- May Clarion
- Church directory
- New Forward-Day-By-Day available
- Check out the Parish Hall Bulletin Board for more events
- Friday morning fellowship each week: Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m., Prayer Group at 10 a.m., followed by choir rehearsal. (All are invited to join the hymn practice Sundays at 9:30 am.)
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*Your presence is a blessing to the Church of the Epiphany!  
We hope you will experience the grace and love of God here  
with us, whether you have been a part of our church for years,  
or are walking through our doors for the first time.*

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## **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home for all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.