Sunday May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM RITE I



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

THE OPENING HYMN Hymnal 657

"Love divine, all love's excelling"

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION BCP 323

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GLORIA BCP 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you And with thy spirit 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*.

The First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 67

We will read responsively by whole verse

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

THE GOSPEL HYMN Hymnal 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace"

The Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee. O Christ

THE SERMON

The Reverend Edward Day

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326
Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, we give you thanks for the bounty of creation. Be with all who plant and sow in this season that their crops may flourish

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. We pray especially for those involved with the Russo-Ukrainian war, in the Myanmar civil war, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Sudanese civil war, and the insurgency in the Maghreb

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart especially those whom we name aloud or in our hearts.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministries especially for all who will work at and attend Camp Marshall.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease.

Hear us. O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died (*especially Donna*), we look toward your coming again among us.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

THE PEACE

BCP 332

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Together

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

BCP 830

Together

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn

THE OFFERTORY

Hymnal 624

"Jerusalem the Golden"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

THE SANCTUS BCP 341

THE CONSECRATION BCP 341

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 336

BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 337

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION The officiant offers a prayer for those live-streaming the liturgy.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen*

THE COMMUNION HYMNS #1 Hymnal 82

"Of the Father's love begotten"

#2 Hymnal 518

"Christ is made the sure foundation"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 339

THE BLESSING BCP 339

THE CLOSING HYMN Hymnal 516

"Come down, O Love Divine"

THE DISMISSAL BCP 339

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