

**ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**3760 Dover Center Road**  
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**May 14, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Eucharist – Rite II – The Word of God**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL Hymn #411 O Bless the Lord My Soul**

**OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE** **BCP 355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant says:

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.***

*All standing, sing*

**THE GLORIA**

**BCP 356**

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 Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**BCP 225**

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 people sit*

**READING**                      **Acts 17:22-31**                      **Pew Bible 1161**

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      ***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM**                      **Psalm 148:7-14**                      **BCP 806**

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,\*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,\*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
9 Mountains and all hills,\*  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
10 Wild beasts and all cattle,\*  
creeping things and winged birds;  
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,\*  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
12 Young men and maidens,\*  
old and young together.  
13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord,\*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,\*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

**Psalm Response** (sing)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**READING**                      **1 Peter 3:8-18**                      **Pew Bible 1272**

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**                      **Come, Thou Fount**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove  
Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;

Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to Lord, no longer tarry,  
Take my leave the God I love,  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL      John 15:1-8      Pew Bible 1130**

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Paul Laursen**

**NICENE CREED** (all standing)

**BCP 358**

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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **BCP 385, Form 2**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Leader

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop Curry; our own Bishop Hollingsworth; and Bishop Coadjutor Jolly; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

***Our Father in heaven,***

***We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.***

***Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:***

***For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit. We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.***

***Amen.***

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We

know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS**

### **PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS**

### **DOXOLOGY**

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

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.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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 thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**The Sanctus** (sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2Xs)  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2Xs)

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**The Memorial Acclamation** (sing)

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again*** (2Xs)

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

**The Great Amen** (sing) *Amen. Amen. Amen. (2Xs)*

*Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,*

*People and Celebrant*

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** **BCP 364**

*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

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

*Celebrant 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, with  
thanksgiving.*

*\* All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.  
For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not  
wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail  
and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer  
of blessings.\* Administration of Communion:  
- Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS #488 Be Thou My Vision**

*The Celebrant says Let us pray.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all)** **BCP 365**

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**

### **RECESSIONAL GOD OF EVE AND GOD OF MARY**

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared their life and gave us birth.  
As you came to earth in Jesus,  
so you come to us today;  
you are present in our caring  
that prepares us for life's way.

Thank you, that the Church, our Mother,  
gives us bread and fills our cup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up.  
Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our Brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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## **POSTLUDE**