

# St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



*“Love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 5, 2024

*Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.*

## Voluntary Praeludium und Fugue in C Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The People stand as they are able when the bell rings.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

#### Gathering Hymn

#### This is My Will

#### Winchester New



1. This is my will, my one com - mand, That  
2. No great - er love can be than this: to  
3. I call you now no long - er slaves; no  
4. You chose not me, but I chose you, that  
5. All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for



love should dwell a - mong you all. This  
choose to die to save one's friends. You  
slave knows all his mas - ter does. I  
you should go and bear much fruit. I  
my name's sake you shall re - ceive. This



is my will, that you should love as  
 are my friends, if you o - bey what  
 call you friends, for all I hear my  
 chose you out, that you in me should  
 is my will, my one com - mand, that



I have shown that I love you.  
 I com - mand that you should do.  
 Fa - ther say you hear from me.  
 bear much fruit that will a - bide.  
 love should dwell in each, in all.

### Collect for Purity

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.

People: Amen.

### Canticle for Easter

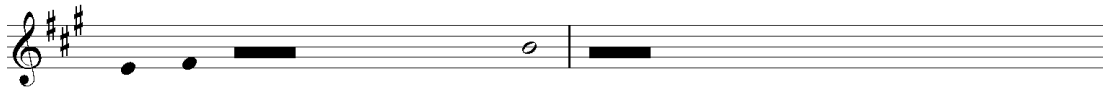
### A Song to the Lamb

*plainsong*

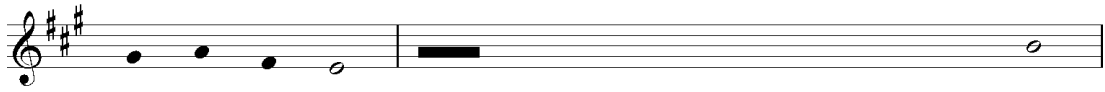
*First time: Choir | Second time: Congregation*



1. Splen - dor and hon - or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,



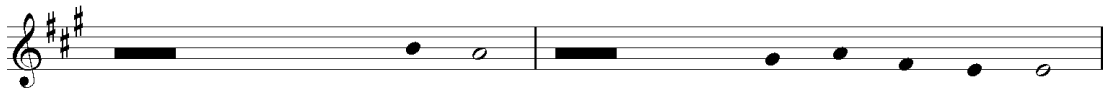
2. For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and



have their be - ing; 3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,



for with your blood you have re-deemed for God, 4. From every family,



language, people, and na - tion, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.



5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,



6. Be worship and praise, dominion and splen-dor, for ever and for ev - er-more.[Ant.]



1. Splen - dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### **First Reading**

**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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98:1-10**

**setting by Mark Downey**



1. Sing to the Lord a new [song],\*  
for he has done marvelous [things].
2. With his right hand and his holy [arm]\*  
has he won for himself the [victory].
3. The Lord has made known his [victory];\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the [nations].
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of [Israel],\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our [God].

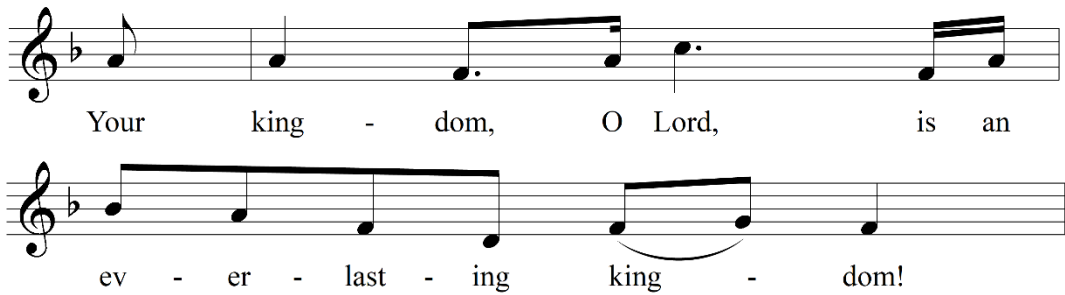
*Antiphon*

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 there-[in].

*Antiphon*

9. Let the rivers clap their [hands],\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord...  
when he comes to judge the [earth].
10. In righteousness shall he judge the [world]  
and the peoples with [equity].

*Antiphon*



## Second Reading

1 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

# Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!

*Mfurahini Halleluya*

John Bell

**16** All Sing

(Choir) Come, let us wor-ship Him,  
end-less - ly sing; Christ is a - live and death  
los - es its sting. Sins are for - giv - en,  
al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en,  
al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on five staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a B-flat key signature, and a 3/4 time signature. It features a 16-measure rest for the choir, followed by the melody for 'Come, let us worship Him'. The subsequent staves continue the melody with lyrics: 'end-less - ly sing; Christ is a - live and death', 'los - es its sting. Sins are for - giv - en,', 'al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en,', and 'al - le - lu - ia!'. The score concludes with a double bar line.

**Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

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

**People:** **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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Fran Holliday

*A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.*

*The people stand as they are able for the reciting of the Nicene Creed.*

**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.

### **Prayers of the People (Form III)**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Intercessor: Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People: That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, For our Bishop Paula Clark, for our Priest Rev. Fran and for our Deacon, Steve. We pray for all who minister to God's people.

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: We pray for all those who have died especially those we now name silently or aloud.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence for intercessions*

Intercessor: We pray for members of parish family (*names read by the Deacon*)

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem      Sing to the Lord a New Song      Robert Lau (b. 1942)**

People and tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song:  
Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song.  
All God's creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.  
He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song.

Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song.  
Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song.  
Praise His name, sing Alleluia! Praise him for his mighty deeds.  
This is our song, our supplication: "Sing to the Lord a new song."

Praise him, shining stars, and praise him highest heavens.  
Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name.  
Angels above make melody to him. Now lift your voice, lift up your heart.

Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing a new song.  
Praise and thanksgiving be your choices sing to the Lord a new song.  
Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp, dance your dance, and  
Shout for joy! Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song.  
Sing! Sing! Sing a new song!

## The Great Thanksgiving

## *Eucharistic Prayer 1 - Enriching Our Worship*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your  
constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one  
body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of 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 – Mass of Joy

**Ian Higginson**

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho\_\_ ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

1. full of you glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 2. high - est.

2  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed

your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

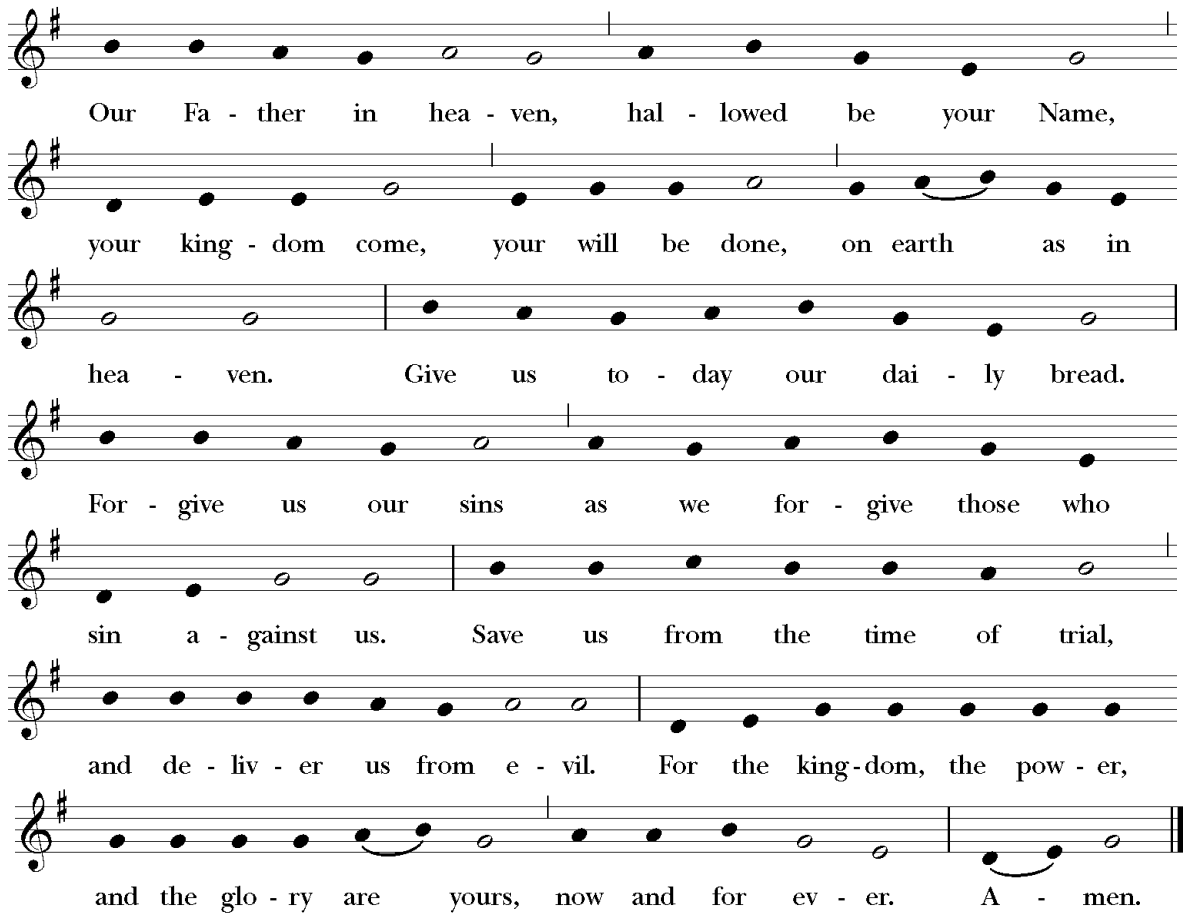
**People: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem S167

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

*plainsong*



*Cantor; then All*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,  
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

## Communion

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant.*

Communion Hymn 581

Cheshire

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

## Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world, as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

**All:** Amen.

## Sending Forth Hymn 400

*Lasst uns erfruen*

Omit stanzas 2 and 3

## Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary    Let Us All with a Gladsome Voice    Healey Willan (1880-1968)





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