



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9, 2021

## The Service of the Word

### Temporary Safety Rules

- ✠ Be joyful, grateful, and blessed!
- ✠ **Please wear mask** as much as possible and certainly anytime you are not seated.
- ✠ Bathroom: please only one person in a bathroom at a time.

**Opening Prelude:** *Maggie Hurd (viola)*

**Opening Voluntary:** *Imani ZandiKarimi (piano)*

**Opening Hymn:** "Love Divine All Love Excelling"

*Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to Earth come down  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**The Collect for Purity**

*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*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL \*\*\* (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

**Song of Praise:** "Jesus Loves Me"

*Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little one to Him belong  
He is weak but we are strong  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so*

**The Collect of the Day** - *prayed by the Celebrant*

**The First 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.**

**Psalm:** 98 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.

- 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 therein.
- 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.

### Sequence Hymn: "Day By Day"

*Day by day, dear Lord,  
Of thee three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly,  
Day by day.*

### The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

*Reader* 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."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Sermon

*The Rev. Rob Dixon*

### 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 & 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.*

(\* interesting fact: "catholic" means universal)

### Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or  
trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

### The Confession

*(During these seven weeks of Easter, the Confession will  
be omitted as we embrace this time of the Lord's  
Resurrection.)*

### The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church.*

**Offertory:** *Liam ZandiKarimi  
Sierra Dixon  
Stella Rose Dixon*

## The Doxology

*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

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

## Sanctus (Said)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
People **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again..***

## The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

## Prayer for Grace and Blessing

*Loving God, while I cannot receive your Holy Communion at this time, I sincerely ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me now and upon all of your children. Fill me, sustain me, and lead me with your life-giving Grace and strength, today and forever. Amen.*

## Communion Hymn: "Seek Ye First"

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## Communion Hymn: "Speak, O Lord"

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.*

*Teach us Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see,  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

## Post Communion Prayer

*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

### Closing Hymn: "I Have Joy, Joy, Joy"

*I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart,  
I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.*

*And I'm so happy, so very happy;  
I have the love of Jesus in my heart.  
And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I have got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

# Flower Dedications

*Flowers*

## Your Sermon Notes

## Prayer List

### Requested Prayer

Adam D., Adam L., Aly & Baby Logan, Ally, Angel, Ann, Barbara, C., Barbara Joe, Barbara R., Betty J., Betty W., Bob, Bobbie, Bobby, Brad, Brenda B., Brenda R., Carl, Carla, Catherine, Fr. Chris, Chris C., Christian, Christina, Christopher, Cindy, Dana, Darlene, David H., David I., Debbie, Debrah, Drew, Elsie, Emme, Ernest, Erick, Ericka, Faith, Fay, Fred, Helen, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jan, Jason, Jean, Jeff, Jennifer W., Jerry, Jessica, Jillian, Jim M., John B., John G., Jordan, Joseph, Josie, Judy G., June, Karen C., Karen M., Kathy, Kayla, Kelly, Ken, Kevin, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, LaKeisha, Laya, Leola, Linda E., Linda M., Lorrie, Luke Allen,, Mark, Max, Melissa, Neta, Patricia, Pat T., Patrick B., Paula K., Paula M., Peggy, Ralph, Ray, Robin, Sarah, Selene, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Stacie, Sue, Thalia, Tif, Tom, Tony B., Tony K., The Clark Family, The Collado Family, The Demme Family, The Perez Family, The Schuler Family, The Walls Family, The Youth, Wendy, William

### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden,

Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

### Great Expectations

Rob, Lucy, and Houston Brabham

### Repose of the Soul

Lafe Benjamin Parsley  
Jessie Elizabeth Martin  
Americans who have died from COVID-19

### Clergy

The Rev. Rob Dixon, Pastor/Rector  
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The Rev. Roger Hungerford, Associate Rector

### Vestry

Susan Bell (Sr. Warden), Mike Spain (Jr. Warden), Craig Iversen (Assistant Jr. Warden), Donovan Chau; Howard Johnson, Laurie White; Mike Bollette, Susan Karl (Vestry Member, Clerk), Nancy Gibbons, Marline Austin, Chris Dake, Craig Iversen,

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