

Holy Communion

(Be seated while you wait to be called forward to receive Christ's body and blood. When we are called forward into a circle, we partake of the sacrament together with each other and the saints who have come before us. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.)

Music During Communion *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 92 *Thank the Lord and sing his praise*

(We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. In this song or chant, we offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and promised to do for us in the future.)

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

(In the final part of our liturgy, we are sent out as evangelists into the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.)

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 94

(We stay standing as the assistant minister offers a prayer of thanksgiving and petition that God will grant us faith to love our neighbor. The pastor then extends God's blessing across us and our lives.)

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #133 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!*

(We stay standing and sing. As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God's word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.)

Dismissal

(We stay standing, facing the back of the church. The assisting minister concludes the service and sends us forth into the world.)

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 9 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Happy Mother's Day

Monday, May 10

7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Wednesday, May 12

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 16 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Spoken Word Service

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

CHURCH STAFF

Pr. Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Jane Almquist, Deaconess

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Martin Jones, Organ Scholar

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Nancy Kincaid, Office Administrator

Mary Kay Buehler, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

Carroll Shaddock, Director Emeritus of Music

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Chris and Chrissy Ramos, Aubrey Maale

Charlene Kelley, Mary Magana

Donald Hackler

Kris Scura

Xavier Ramos

Evan McClanahan

Martin Jones

Mary Kay Buehler

Ushers

Altar Guild

Assisting Minister

Server/Crucifer

Acolyte

Liturgist, Preacher

Organist

Choir Director



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 9, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Organ Prelude

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, p. 77 *(stand)*

Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Choir)*

(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir sings. "Introit" means "to enter." Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW #364 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

IN BABILONE

(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 78

(Staying standing, the assisting minister leads us in chant as we ask God for mercy, unity, and peace for ourselves, our church, and all people.)

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 81 ~ *This is the Feast*

(Having received forgiveness and mercy, we sing praise to God, our source of all blessings.)

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 22

(The pastor offers an appointed prayer based upon the scripture readings of the day).

Pastor: Let us pray ...

Congregation: Amen.

(Be seated.)

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word.)

First Lesson ~ 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.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *(read responsively)* **Psalm 98**

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson ~ 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.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual *(The congregation is invited to sing the Alleluias)*

The Gospel Lesson ~ John 15:9-17 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ #356 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

WALTON

(We stand and sing a hymn that reflects the words of the readings and sermon).

Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 84

Prayers of the People

(The assistant minister leads us in prayer for our church, the sick and suffering, our community, and the world. We place trust in our loving God, especially for places and situations beyond our control).

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response:)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Congregation: Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us as you are comfortable.)

Choral Anthem *The Master Has Come*

(Be seated as ushers collect the offering and the choir sings. Having heard God’s word, we thus respond in faith and thanksgiving through this act.)

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #410 *We Give Thee but Thine Own vs. 1 and 2*

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

(Here, Christ comes to us in the sacrament or “sacred act” of the altar. We believe that God brings himself and his forgiveness to us “in, with, and under” the bread and the wine.)

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 88

(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 89

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 90

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 91

(Staying standing, we pray the prayer given by Christ himself.)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW Hymn #103 *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

(We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)