

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE
WITH
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023
10:45 A.M.**

We welcome you if you are joining us as a guest or member, and invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, following the service, please introduce yourself to our clergy.

Please remember to sign our Guest Book located at the front doors following worship.

For ease of use, this service leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy.

A book to write your prayer requests in is located on the Prayer Desk in the Narthex.

Please pick up an instrument from the Narthex as you enter the Church

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We appreciate you joining us in the worship of the risen Lord during these fifty days of Easter.

The Paschal feast is the grand baptismal celebration of our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection. Easter is our living out of our baptism in mission, living as the joyful body of Christ in the world. Resurrection is not a past event. Easter is now, present tense. Christ is risen. Since Jesus is alive, he is present to the human heart. Easter's challenge is to look at renewal in our midst to look at ourselves, the baptized, all of us marked by the redeeming cross of Christ.

This joy calls us beyond our fears and confusion into the light of day. There is a growing awareness that we are called out of comfort zones to claim and proclaim the power of the resurrection. We are offered a vision of the power of God's abundant, steadfast, and irrepressible love. We see a God who is truly the beginning and the end, calling us to live in love and unity with each other in a world made radically new by the resurrection of Jesus. Death is defeated, we can live lives of new possibilities, fashion a world of peace and hope, and cherish each other as the gift we are.

During these seven weeks of celebrating the reality of the Risen One in our midst, we do so by experiencing in unbridled joy the mystery and wonder of the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

You will notice the attention given to what we do in our corporate worship during this time of the Church year. It is a time when we "pull out the stops" and "put on our best." The proclamation of the word is done in the power of the Spirit. Our music has an uplifting tone that seeks to send the soul soaring. And, the church is infused with the fragrance of flowers, vivid colors, and regal splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +

Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: “Adagio”

C.A. Kern

Welcome Announcements

See insert

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.

Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

At the tolling of the bell, please stand, face the entrance and play your instruments until the gong sounds.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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.**

During the singing of the Gathering Songs, the congregation is sprinkled with flowers as a sign and symbol of forgiveness, renewal and resurrection.



Gathering Song: "God is Love"

Words: *Latin, tr. James Quinn*

Music: *Scott Chard*

Call

Response



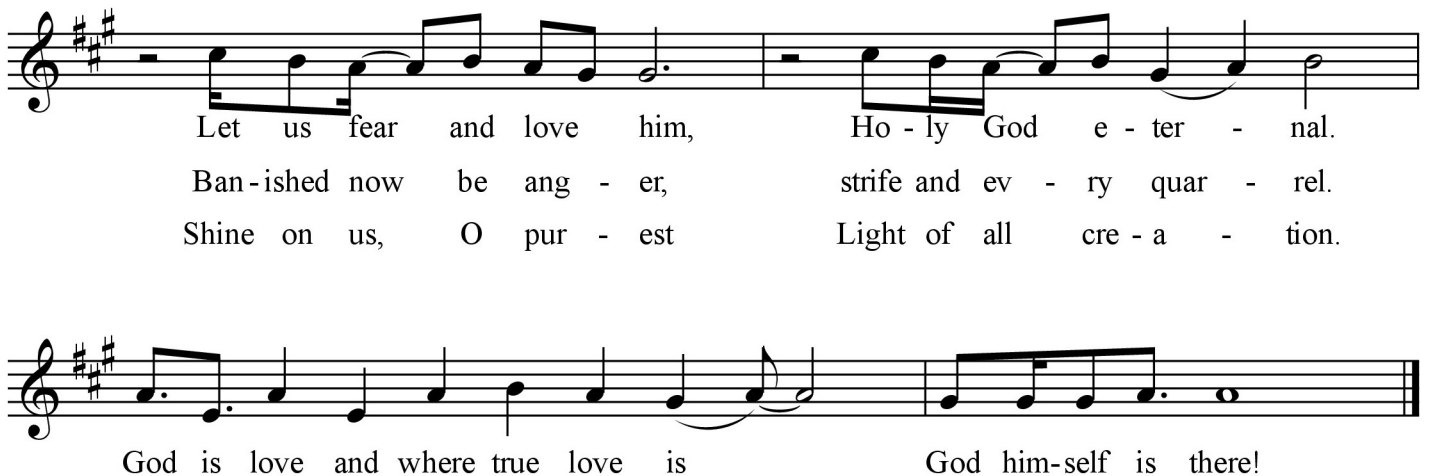
Here in Christ we gath - er,
When we Chris - tians gath - er,
Grant us love's ful - fill - ment,

Love of Christ our call - ing,
mem - bers of one bod - y
joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ our love is with us,
Let there not be in - us,
when we see your face, O

Glad - ness be his greet - - - ing!
Dis - cord but one Spir - - - it!
Sav - ior in its Glo - - - ry!

All Sing:



Let us fear and love him,
Ban - ished now be ang - er,
Shine on us, O pur - est

Ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
strife and ev - ry quar - rel.
Light of all cre - a - tion.

God is love and where true love is
God him-self is there!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Moment and Blessing of Women

Blessing of Women

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth. God, who knit us together in the womb, we give thanks to you for all the women of faith who have done your will throughout the ages. We thank you for Eve, Sarah, Hagar, Keturah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel, Ruth and Naomi, Deborah and Esther, Anna and Elizabeth, Joanna and Susanna, Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe, Mary Magdalene, and for Mary, the blessed mother of our Lord.

God of our ancestors in faith, we ask your blessing upon the faithful women of this congregation, our sisters and friends, our spouses and daughters, our grandmothers and mothers. Bless them and all women who place their trust in you. Keep them steadfast in your Word. Stir up in them the power of your Spirit. Kindle in them the fire of your love. Call forth in them the strength to serve you. Through word and sacrament in the community of faith, renew in them blessed assurance of salvation and the promise of eternal glory in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the Children's Moment, the children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the cross and attend Children's Chapel. They will return during the baptism.

Children's Sending Prayer

O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children's Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

The Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made

subject to him.

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

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Words: *John MacLeod Campbell Crum*
Music: *Noel Nouvelet, Medieval French Carol*

Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
Forth He came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain.
think - ing that nev - er He would wake a - gain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - ein Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

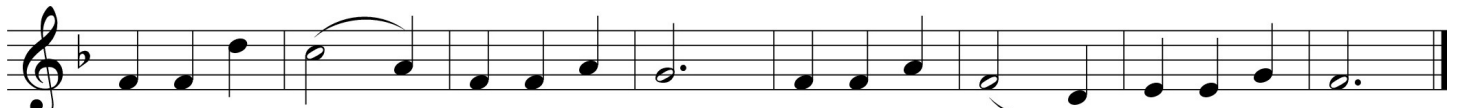
Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

During the singing of the Gospel Response, we will follow the ancient Jewish tradition. The Word will be processed throughout the congregation. Everyone is invited to honor the Word with either a kiss, touch, or a bow.

Gospel Response: “Zimbabwe Alleluia” *D. Maraire, arr. P. Matsikenyiri*



A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

Please be seated.
Sermon


The Reverend Joseph Alsay




+THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM +

Please stand.


Baptismal Hymn: "Baptized in Water"




Bap - tized in wa - ter sealed by the Spi - rit Cleansed by the
Bap - tized in wa - ter sealed by the Spi - rit Dead in the
Bap - tized in wa - ter sealed by the Spi - rit Marked with the



blood of Christ our King. Heirs of sal -
tomb with Christ our King. One with his
sign of Christ our King. Born of one



va - tion trust - ing his prom - ise faith - ful - ly
ris - ing freed and for - giv - en faith - ful - ly
Fath - er we are his child - ren joy - ful - ly



now God's prais - es we sing.
now God's prais - es we sing.
now God's praise - es we sing.



The Parents and Sponsors add rocks from the Jordan River to the Baptismal Font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents & Sponsor We present Brandon Donald Narvaiz and Mason Teddie Narvaiz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidates I do.

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates I do.

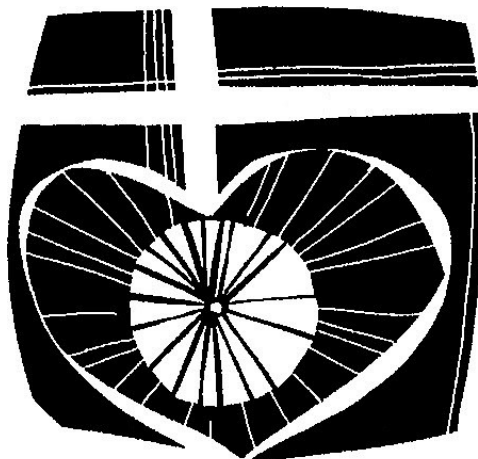
Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidates I do.

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with Brandon and Mason, who are committing themselves to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.



The Baptismal Covenant

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**



Prayers for the Candidates

Priest Let us now pray for Brandon and Mason, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your Holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Water from the Jordan River is poured into the font.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Baptism

The candidates are immersed, three times as the following is said:

Priest Brandon Donald, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest Mason Teddie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them up to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

Chrismation

Priest Brandon Donald, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People **Amen.**

Priest Mason Teddie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People **Amen.**

Welcome

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Please stand.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. – *Ephesians 5:2*

During the “Offering in Song,” please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to “bit.ly/GiveSAC” in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.

Offering in Song: “God of Wonders”

Mac Powell and Third Day

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation Song: “Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow!”

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be -
low; O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise! Praise the Fath-er, praise the
Son! and praise the Spir - it: Three in One! O praise Him, O
praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

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 you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

Hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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:

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

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. **AMEN.**

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

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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider 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.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.

The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.

After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.
 Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.
 Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.
 If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Meditation: “Ubi Caritas”
Communion Hymn: “This Joyful Eastertide”

Words: *Jacques Bertheir*
 Words: *George R. Woodward*
 Music: *Vruechten*

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - - - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
 riv - - - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
 slum - - - ber, til trump from east to west shall

sprung to life this mor - - - row. Had Christ, that once was
 pass - ing life - de - liv - - - er,
 wake the dead in num - - - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - - - en.

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Post-Communion Prayer

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you eternal inheritance.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary: "Tuba Tune in D Major"

C.S.Lang

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray.

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday May 14, 2023, at 10:45 AM - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Presider: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Andrews, Sara & Jay Kyte

Lector and Intercessor: Marcy Taber

Crucifer: Christopher Lapolla

Torchbearers: Zoe & Zipporah Alsay

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard & Karena Van Horn

Organist: John Potter

Guest Musician: Randy Polk, Trumpet

Oblation Bearers: Claudia & Victor Rios-Estrada

Greeters: Elizabeth Covell and Janet Mills

Ushers: Rick Inselman and Marcy Taber

Altar Guild: Gil Haas and Jan Pope

Camera Crew: Josh Eliot and Bri McGhee

Sound: Eric Brinley

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

The eight days following Easter Sunday are known as the Octave of Easter, and each day has its own collect assigned in the Book of Common Prayer. The fifty days of the Easter season (as separated from the Feast or Festival of Easter) occur from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost. The fortieth day of the Easter season is celebrated as Ascension Day, and because of its fixed timing, it always occurs on a Thursday. It is thought to be one of the major feasts of the church year. The ascension symbolized the fact that Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven from where He now exercises all power in Heaven and on earth. Ascension Day has been celebrated from as early as the 4th century. The liturgical color of the Easter season is white, the color of joy. Some churches suggest that the color gold (or white highlighted by gold) be used on Easter Sunday. The Sundays following Easter are no longer named Sundays "after" Easter, but instead our Book of Common Prayer labels them as Sundays "of" Easter. The implication is that they should be viewed as one continued exaltation of the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Alleluias (forbidden during Lent), candles, and lights are paramount to this season of new life, fulfillment, rejoicing, and joy.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

STAFF

Rector: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon, Ph.D.

Deacon: The Reverend Karen Hansen

Administrative Assistant/Member Engagement Coordinator: Sarah-Emily Steinhardt

Contribution Registrar: Kenny Koch

Staff Organist: John Stephen Potter

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard & Karena Van Horn

VESTRY

Sr. Warden: James Reeg Sr. Warden Elect: Michael Johnston

Jr. Warden: Jon Wallingford Jr. Warden Elect: William “Bill” Kenney

Treasurer: Marian Moon

Other Members: Brad Davidson, John Fink, Jay Kyte, Valerie Hall, Rick Inselman, Valerie Lewis, Scott Myers, & Jason Seabolt

Clerk: Renee Lewis

OFFICE HOURS

To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

Sarah-Emily Steinhardt, Admin Assistant Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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