

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Welcome!

The altar flowers are given by Anne and Tred Hunt  
for the Glory of God and in honor of The Rev. Becky Crites

Those outside: Please tune your car radio to 100.1

While inside we cannot "lift out voice and sing" we can allow the words draw us to God.

Prelude

Opening Hymn (please stand)

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

Hymnal 1982 # 205

*1 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.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Hymn of Praise

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (please be seated)

The Psalm

Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

The Reading

1 John 4 :7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The Word of the Lord

Hymn

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*

Hymnal 1982 #602

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors  
we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.  
Refrain

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you.  
Refrain

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

The Sermon

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 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.***

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially pray for those who have asked for us to pray for them: Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Cheryl, Ralph, Bill, Harry, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles, Jackie, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Marlin, Armando, Jud, Janice, John, and Mark.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Please add your own thanksgivings.*

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.***

***Amen.***

The Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with us all.

Walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Organ Voluntary

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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 for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

You will be invited forward, one at a time, being mindful of a 6' spacing, to receive the bread.

Hymn during Communion

One Bread, One Body

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

*1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.*

*One Lord.*

*Refrain*

*2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.*

*One Lord.*

*Refrain*

*3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.*

*One Lord.*

*Refrain*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

***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.***

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Closing Hymn

*I am the bread of life*

Hymnal 1982 # 335

*1 I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.*

*4 I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever.*

*Refrain*

*And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the  
last day.*

*5 Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God  
who has come into the world.*

*Refrain*

Serving Today  
Officiant: The Rev. Becky Crites  
Organist and Music Director: Kenyon Scott  
Reader: Stephanie Hurt  
LEM: Laura Chappell

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

Jayne de Paulo 9                      Laura and Brett Chappell                      19  
Beth Coles 11  
Betty Camp 17

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Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott, Laura Chappell, Rick Dixon, Betty Camp

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UPCOMING AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer, Rite II Becky will be away from Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> PENTECOST CELEBRATION and Vestry Installation.  
“Lemonade on the Lawn” physically distanced and  
Vestry meets after a brei “Lemonade on the Lawn”

BOOK STUDY:

Read Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Curry.  
We will meet after Easter to discuss the book. Date and time TBD. I have a copy to loan, let me know.

Find us on Facebook: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chatham VA

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TOWN EVENTS:

Friday, May 21 Pittsylvania County Community Action Event  
Old Dutch Parking Lot  
Music, Food, Community information and give-aways!

July 2-4<sup>th</sup> Hometown Heroes!

Rotary is sponsoring a Hometown Heroes weekend! So, mark your calendars now! Fireworks, House Decorating Contest, a Parade and much more! More details to come!

THE EASTER LECTIONARY

Since the fourth century, the First Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures is replaced by one from the Acts of the Apostles. As an Easter People, our life is defined by the Risen Christ. The Easter story continues with us. We begin our Fifty Day Easter Journey by joining our story with the stories of the acts of those of that first Easter journey.

The Second Readings on these Sundays come from I Peter (Year A), I John (Year B), and the Book of Revelation (Year C). Except for the Third Sunday which is from Luke’s story, the Gospel readings are all from John.

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