

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



*Love One Another*  
Ivan Guaderrama

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 9, 2021**

*Open Doors. Open hearts. Open Hands.*  
*We will welcome all to live God's mission, teach Christ's love*  
*and transform our community by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Processional Hymn

*Come, we that love the Lord*



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but  
3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -  
4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne.  
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.  
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.  
march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*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. Amen.

## Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## The 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. Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

## A Reading from 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 *Cantate Domino*

- 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.

### A Reading from 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

### Hymn to Announce the Gospel

*O Jesus, crowned with all renown*



1 O            Je - sus, crowned with    all re - nown, since            thou the earth    hast  
2 Lord,        in their change, let    frost and heat, and        winds and dews    be  
3 that        we may feed the    poor a - right, and,        gath - ering round    thy



trod,        thou            reign - est    and by            thee come down hence -  
given;    all            fos - tering power, all        in - fluence sweet, breathe  
throne,    here,        in the ho - ly            an - gels' sight,    re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
 from the bounteous heaven. At-tem-per fair with  
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a-bound, and  
 gen-tle air the sun-shine and the rain, that  
 all our days, and with the Fa-ther's Name, and

thine the beau-ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
 kind-ly earth with time-ly birth may yield her fruits a-gain:  
 with the Ho-ly Spi-rit's gifts, the Sa-vior's love pro-claim.

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (15:9-17)

*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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader and People pray responsively*

*Celebrant*

Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example.

We are your Church, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in us your love for all you have made.

We are your stewards, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work.

We are your servants, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us.

We are made in your image, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

You are the life within us, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Election of St. Paul's next Rector**

Heavenly Father, source of all knowledge, you know the needs of your church in every place. Look graciously upon the people of St. Paul's and grant our search committee and Vestry the wisdom and discernment to call, with open hearts and minds, a faithful pastor who will feed us, your flock, and equip us for our ministries.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And also with you.

**The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP p. 361ff.

*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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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**

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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 the Bread**    *A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **Communion of the People**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

## Prayer For Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come into your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

*Lord, whose love through humble service*

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's  
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we  
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our  
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

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per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship  
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion  
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens  
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing  
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to  
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel.*

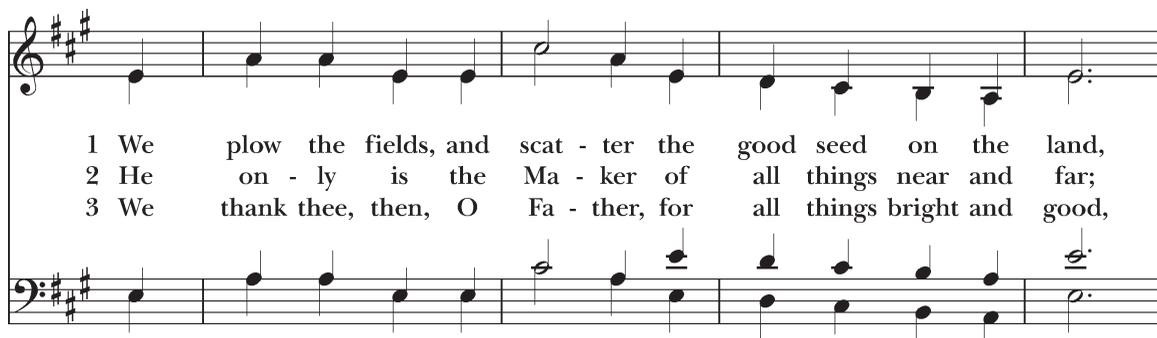
*People*

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.

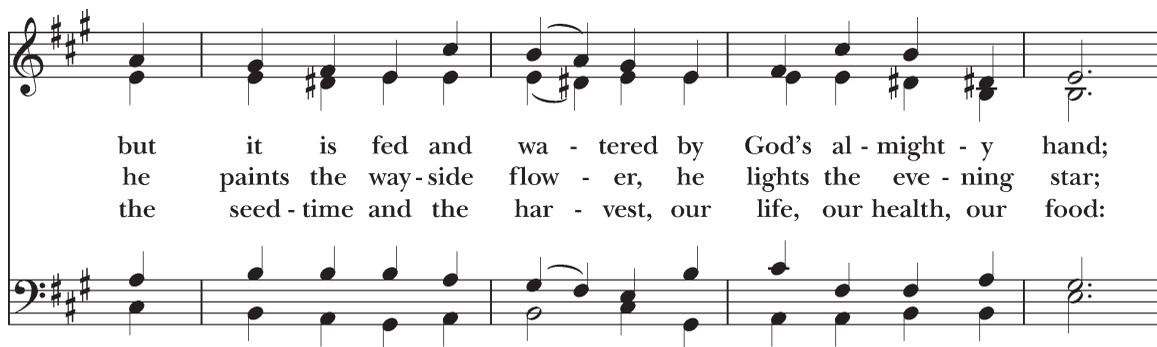
*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, "AMEN."*

## Hymn

*We plow the fields, and scatter*



1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;  
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;  
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

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he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;  
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

## **Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Voluntary**

*Trumpet Tune*

Craig Phillips

## *Prayer List*

### *In our parish*

LOUISE BUCK  
EARL CRAIG  
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ANNE FREELING  
RUSS GRAUMLICH  
DAVID HEATH  
JEN & ORION  
ANNE LAUDATI  
RICHARD LAUDATI

### *People Requesting Prayer*

JERE LEWIS  
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TAMMY POLLOCK  
JIM SUMMEY  
JOANN SUMMEY  
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