Flowing with Joy, Walking with God.

May 9, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion
The Reverend Sarah van Gulden
Priest-in-Charge

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

At Trinity we celebrate our Episcopal identity and spiritual heritage, through a close-knit faith community, where children are central to our mission, and we actively seek to maintain a balance between worship and outreach.

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Voluntary

Opening Hymn  Now the green blade riseth  Hymnal 204

1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
thinking that never he would wake again,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,

love lives again, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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Opening Sentences

Celebrant  Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People  The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Celebrant

Let us pray.

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.

Song of Praise

Gloria

Hymnal S 278
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 Readings

The First Reading

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 98

Today's psalm is Psalm 98 and we will read it in unison.

Sing to the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
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.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn * 
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * 
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, * 
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, 
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world * 
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from First Letter of John.

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 command-
ments 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 con-
quers 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 wa-
ter only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that tes-
tifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. 
Thanks be to God.
O Jesus, crowned with all renown

1 O Jesus, crowned with all renown, since thou the earth hast
trod, thou reign-est and by thee come down hence-
given; all fostering power, all influence sweet, breathe

2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be

3 that we may feed the poor a-right, and, gathering round thy

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

thine the wealth that in our halls abound, and
gen-tle air the sunshine and the rain, that

all our days, and with the Father’s Name, and

thine the beauty and the joy with which the years are crowned.

kind-ly earth with time-ly birth may yield her fruits again:

with the Holy Spirit’s gifts, the Savior’s love proclaim.
The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Celebrant    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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

Homily    The Rev’d Sarah van Gulden

The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God.

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 truly human.
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

Leader Gathered as believers in Christ, with the living Christ among us, let us offer prayers to God for the life of all the world.

For peace from on high and for our salvation.
Loving God, hear us.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.
Loving God, hear us.

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.
Loving God, hear us.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle our bishops; Martha, our Regional Canon; Sarah our Priest, our Parish Staff and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.
Loving God, hear us.

For Joseph, our president; Charlie our governor, the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.
Loving God, hear us.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the sick and the dying: Elvy and family, Jo-Anne, Johanna and family, Mildred, Maura, Alice, James, Dave, Janet, Sally, Steve, David, Bianca, Justin, Alexandria, Hilda, John, Kyna, the Hicks Family, and the people of India.
Loving God, hear us.

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have
mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother.

**Loving God, hear us.**

For those who have fallen asleep in Christ, especially David Hicks.

**Loving God, hear us.**

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, Luke, John and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O God, our loving Creator.**

**Presider**

Blessed are you, our God, Father and Mother, for you freed us from our sins by the blood of Jesus Christ: Hear our prayers which we offer this day and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**
Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loves us, and offered himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God!

Offertory Anthem       Most Glorious Lord of Life       William H. Harris

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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.
Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Music
Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.
Closing Hymn

Earth and all Stars

Hymnal 412, vss. 1,2,3,6

1 Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the
3 Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals, sing to the
4 Engines and steel, loud pounding hammers, sing to the
5 Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes, sing to the
6 Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the

1 Lord a new song! Victory,
2 Lord a new song! Flowers and trees,
3 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
4 Lord a new song! Lime-stone and beams,
5 Lord a new song! Athlete and band,
6 Lord a new song! Daughter and son,

1 loud shouting army, sing to the
2 loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the
3 loud humming cellos, sing to the
4 loud building workers, sing to the
5 loud cheering people, sing to the
6 loud praying members, sing to the

Lord a new song!

Refrain
He hath done marvelous things.

I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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Dismissal

Alleluia!! Alleluia!!
Let us go forth into the world to love and serve the risen Christ.
Thanks be to God Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-Person Worship for Pentecost!** We are happy to announce that we will offer in-person and virtual worship starting May 23!

**ACAT News:** Our Spring Celebration will be May 20 at 5:00pm on Zoom; details coming soon! Every class is working hard to get ready. If you would like to attend, please contact Dr. Janet or Rev’d Sarah to register. And watch for more info about our Summer Theatre Workshop, coming August 9-13! Save the dates if you know of students who might like to attend, or if YOU would like to volunteer to help us.
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