Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024, 10:00 am

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Please also note that our services are publicly livestreamed.

The altar flowers this morning are donated by Sara Schulz and Dick Briggs to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sara's parents, Fr. Harley Wright Smith and Mary Ingaborg Stewart Smith.

What's Happening!

Youth Led Service — Mother's Day, May 12th, 10am Would your youth like to help lead worship on Mother's Day? Contact us in the office to find out how!

Pentecost — **May 19th** Celebrate Pentecost with us by wearing Red to church!

Antiques Show — May 30-June 1 Our annual Antiques Show is back! Come browse and shop antiques with vendors from all over California!

Art Camp — July 8-12, 9am-11:45am

All kids age 5-12 are welcome to join our Summer Art Camp! There are limited spaces available, and cost \$150 per camper (reserve before June 1st and get \$30 off). Contact Claire in the office to reserve a spot, today!

Healing & Reconciliation Eucharist – Wednesdays, 12pm

Join us every Wednesday for our service of healing & reconciliation at noon in the Chapel.

The Word of God

Prelude

"Hymn of the Cherubim"

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Please stand as able, and join in singing,





Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: "Lasst uns erfreuen", melody from "Auserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang,"1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); by permission of Oxford University Press.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

All 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.

Please remain standing as able, and join in singing,



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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.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

1stReader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

1st ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



The Second Lesson 1 John 5:1-6

2nd Reader A Reading from the first book 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 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.

2nd ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand as able, and join in singing,



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Please remain standing, as able, for the reading of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

Deacon 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."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for,

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon. Please stand as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

| A11 | We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. |
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| | 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 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. |
| 6 | 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.

Please remain standing, as able, for

| The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in bold) | | | | |
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| Deacon | Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. | | | |
| Silence | | | | |
| Deacon People | Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. | | | |
| Deacon | Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. | | | |
| Silence | | | | |
| Deacon People | Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. | | | |
| Deacon | Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its re sources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. | | | |
| Silence | | | | |
| Deacon People | Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. | | | |
| Silence | | | | |
| Deacon | Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. | | | |
| Deacon People | Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. | | | |
| Silence | | | | |
| Deacon | Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. | | | |
| Silence | | | | |
| Deacon People | Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. | | | |
| Deacon | We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. | | | |
| Silence | | | | |
| Deacon People | Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. | | | |
| Celebrant: | Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. | | | |

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. A11 Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy ♣ on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Please stand, as able,

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

This is my Father's World

Elaine Hagerberg

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears, All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, The birds this carols raise, The morning light, lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair, in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world, The battle is not done, Jesus who died will be satisfied, And heaven and earth be one.

St. Francis Choir



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Please stand, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| 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 our 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:

Please join in singing,



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Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues.

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 Covnant. 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 Francis and 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.

| Celebrant | And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, |
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| A11 | 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, |
| | forever and ever. Amen. |
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The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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



Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: "Kingsfold," from English Country Songs, 1893, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams, (1872-1958).

The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy 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)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will also be available to pray with you, or you may just choose to light a candle.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.



Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). Music: "Moseley," Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

Please kneel or stand, as able for,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve the lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The \Box Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All Amen.

The Sending Forth

| Deacon | Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia! |
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People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Please stand, as able, and join in singing

The Closing Hymn Sing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness Hymn #492, vv. 1-4 g 0 sweet - est sing with glad - ness, down from hea - ven, death for mor - tals, Sing faith - ful, wake your nob - lest, strain, ye how bowed him -Sing Beth - l'hem's he came self to cave, So, he tast - ed he, of hu - man kind the head, throne Now, on high, yet ev er with from his Fa - ther's the Son us, his the Sav - ior let with house sound a - gain; prais - es of. re the ves - ture, pain, cross, the grave, stooped to wear the bore the ser sin - ful, Life, а less one, mong Prince of mong the dead; sin а and guides the world he ran-somed, till the'ap - point - ed. work be rules done, his reign. him let all sic hon - or, and your songs ex alt your mu dark - ness, passed with - in the gates of thence his ban - ished ones to save. the cap - tor things gath - ered thus wrought the full re - demp - tion, and led. he cap - tive till re - newed and per - fect, in - to he see, all one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: "Regent Square," Thomas Smart (1813-1879); by permission of Oxford University Press.

Postlude:

"March and Cortege"

Flor Peeters

Welcome!!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

Please join us for coffee fellowship after the service. The Ushers will direct you.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Bud Allen, June Bacon, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, George Ginis, Chris Goldsmith, Hannah, Sally Hill, Blaire Hinz, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Tommy Tolbert, Roxanne Wall, Gail Winters, and for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

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

Ongoing

Yoga

Mondays from 11:00am –1:00pm - All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility. Wednesdays 9:00-10:30am All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance. (free-will offering).

Contact: Jill Lynch—*jillfenskelynch@gmail.com* **AA**—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm



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