

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

9:30 a.m. choral service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist
Lynn Garland, Reader

Prelude: *“Be Not Afraid” Setting by D Wagner 1978 New Dawn Music*

Processional hymn #151 LEVAS

Music: John B. Foley, SJ

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.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. REFRAIN

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

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! **People** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Gloria: S-280 Glory to you, Lord

Setting: John Rutter

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God a the Father. Amen.,

Collect *(said by all)*

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.

First Reading: Reader A reading from the book of Acts

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. *Acts 10:44-48*

Reader The Word of the Lord **People** Thanks be to God

Silence

PSALM 98 *said by all, in unison*

BCP p. 727

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.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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**

Sermon *Fr. Richard Signore*

Prayers of the People III

Prayer Book, p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on earth.
 Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

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 Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *“Fairest Lord Jesus” Crusader Hymn; Arr. by Mayo, 2006 Hope Publishing Co.*

The Great Thanksgiving B

Prayer Book, p. 367

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: WLP #876

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.**

Communion Music: *“Let Us Break Bread Together” Arr. by Carter 1990 Hope Publishing Co.*

Prayer *(said by those at home) 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)*

The Post Communion Prayer *(Said by all worshipping in person)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and 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

Recessional Hymn #593

Words: James Quinn; Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *“Lift High the Cross” Arr. by Shackley, 2005 Hope Publishing Co.*

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