

St. Luke's Easter Season Spiritual Communion (Visual Holy Eucharist)
May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Hymn 412 Earth and all stars hymntune: *Earth and All Stars*

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song! O victory,
loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain: He hath done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms,
sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees,
loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!

Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
loud humming cellos, sing to the Lord a new song!

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son,
loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song!

Mothering God - solo

Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord hymntune: *Lobe den Herren*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

The Word of God

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

A Song of Praise

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward 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 Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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The Lessons

The Epistle is read

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.

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

The Psalm is said by all

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing a new song to God, *
 who has done marvelous things.
- 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, *
 you have won for yourself the victory.
- 3 You have made known your victory; *
 your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 You remember your 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 God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn, *
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.
- 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 God,
who will come to judge the earth.
- 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness *
and the peoples with equity.

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The New Testament is read

A Reading from I 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.

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The Gospel

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel is read with this introduction and conclusion.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, O 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 our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

We invite you to type your prayers in the comments section so that we can join you in your prayers this day.

Intercessor: What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered; for Christ is risen and walks among us. Let us pray with confidence to God: Resurrected Christ, hear us and change us.

For the unity of the Church, that, as we are truly created in your image and likeness, we may with open hearts see your image in one another. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and change us.**

For all members of St. Luke's, for all worshiping with us now, for all who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week; that they may grow in faith and trust in you, O God. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and change us.**

For the leaders of nations, states, counties and cities; that, knowing their responsibility and power, they may create a more just and peaceful world. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and change us.**

For those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, violence, loneliness or any other troubles; that they may pass through their sufferings with courage and strength. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and change us.**

For those who have died, for those who are keeping vigil, and for all who grieve; that, holding on to Christ who triumphs over death, they may find comfort and rest for their souls. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and change us.**

Celebrant: Hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our Paschal rejoicing, for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen. Alleluia.**

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Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Hymn 712 Dona nobis pacem

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Do not neglect to do good
and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Heb 13:16*

During this time of virtual worship, when we gather for communion it is a “spiritual communion.” As Episcopalians, we believe when we desire communion but we are not able to partake because of extreme circumstances, that all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not consumed with our mouths. (BCP 457)

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.
You made us in your image
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, 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.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
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.”
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

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,

All **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

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Reverence with Fraction Anthem

Act of Reception, said by all

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly all members of St. Luke's, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and resurrection, for the means of grace and hope of glory.

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 to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(from St. Augustine's Prayerbook, permission by Forward Movement.)

Postcommunion Prayer

All **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nurturing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Life is short and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those
who make the journey with us.
So be swift to love
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God who made us,
who loves us, and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.

Henri Frederic Amiel (modified)

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude Hymn 556 Rejoice ye pure in heart verses 1, 2, 3, 7 hymntune: *Marion*

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high the cross of Christ your King.