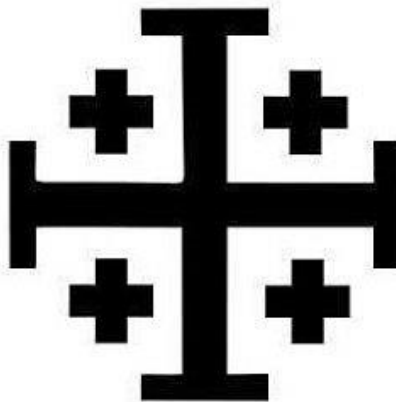


# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Church of the Apostles  
Coppell, Texas

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, Bishop  
The Rev. Timothy B. Cherry, Rector

## PRE-SERVICE SONGS

### *I Will Bless the Lord*

I will bless the Lord and give Him glory,  
Oh, I will bless the Lord and give Him glory.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
Great in his kindness and good to all,  
The Lord is righteous in all His ways,  
Bless the Lord and give Him praise.

I will bless the Lord,  
And give Him glory,  
Oh, I will bless the Lord,  
And, give Him glory,  
And, give Him glory.

### *Honor and Praise*

*Twila Paris*

Righteous and holy in all of Your ways  
We come before You with honor and praise  
Here to adore You for all of our days  
We come before You with honor and praise

#### *(Refrain)*

Lord of the Heavens how faithful You are  
Shine down upon us, oh bright morning star  
Righteous and holy in all of Your ways  
We come before You with honor and praise

Filling the temple, the work of Your grace  
We come before You with honor and praise  
Here to adore You for all of our days  
We come before You with honor and praise *(Refrain)*



## PRAISE SONG

HUMBLE THYSELF IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD

*Bob Hudson*

*Men*

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

*(Women echo: Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.)*

*Men*

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

*(Women echo: Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.)*

And He will lift you up higher and higher, and He will lift you up!

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### 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 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.**

*Reader*

**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***

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel † † † of our Lord *Jesus Christ* according to John

*People*        ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

### **John 15:9-17**

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.”

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

### **SERMON**

*Please stand and affirm our faith by saying together*

**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.**

*The people may be seated or stand.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

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 the 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.**

We pray for all of those on our parish prayer list, and we invite you to lift up other names or needs now, whether you are in person or online....

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

*The People may add their own petitions. Please pray loudly enough for others to hear and add their "Amen".*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Minister*        Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRAYERS FOR MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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 your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. **Amen.**



## OFFERTORY

*Please stand*

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Genevan Psalter, 1551  
(Old Hundredth)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Celebrant*

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 we are 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 proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

*Celebrant*

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."

*Celebrant*                      Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

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 forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And as our savior Jesus Christ has taught us, are bold to pray (in song)

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day out daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and for ever, Amen. Amen.**

*Betty Pulkingham*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Celebrant* *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The † Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

### I lift My Hands

*Chris Tomlin*

Be still, there is a healer  
His love is deeper than the sea  
His mercy, it is unfailing  
His arms are a fortress for the weak  
Let faith arise  
Let faith arise

[Chorus]  
I lift my hands to believe again  
You are my refuge, you are my strength  
As I pour out my heart, these things I remember  
You are faithful, God, forever

Be still, there is a river  
That flows from Calvary's tree  
A fountain for the thirsty  
Pure grace that washes over me  
So let faith arise  
Let faith arise  
Open my eyes  
Open my eyes

[Chorus]  
I lift my hands to believe again  
You are my refuge, you are my strength  
As I pour out my heart, these things I remember  
You are faithful, God, forever

Let faith arise, let faith arise,  
Open my eyes, open my eyes  
Let faith arise, let faith arise,  
Open my eyes, open my eyes

*(after Communion)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior *Jesus Christ*;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION AMEN**

*Choir*

**RECESSIONAL**

*Bless His Holy Name*

*Andrae Crouch*

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

He has done great things,  
he has done great things,  
he has done great things,  
bless his holy name! (Refrain)

He is Lord of all,  
He is Lord of all,  
He is Lord of all,  
Bless His holy name! (Refrain)

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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