St Andrew's Episcopal Church Shippensburg, PA



6th Sunday of Easter May 9th, 2021 RECORDED WORSHIP

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Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Dear Friends,

We welcome you to our worship this day in the season of Easter. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us during this celebratory season of Easter which lasts fifty days when we acknowledge and embrace the new life offered to us through the resurrection of Jesus. You will notice beautiful flowers, colorful vestments and altar hangings, glorious music, the ringing of bells, and "Alleluias" being boldly proclaimed. We are celebrating God's saving work through God's offering of renewed and abundant life to us.

Make us an Easter people, O Christ, whose name is "Alleluia." May we, like Mary, rise in joy when you call our name. May we, like Thomas, see and believe. May we, like Peter, become bold and brace. May we, like Cleopas, meet you in every road. May we, like them, be utterly changed, in the victory of the love by which you left your tomb, and saved us forever from death. In your name, Jesus. Amen.

Liturgy for the Whole Church

Faithfully, Mother Barbara

WELCOME



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The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1982Hymnal S-280





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP #225

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.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.

PSALM 98 (Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

BCP #727

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 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.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 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 the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 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.

THE HOMILY Mother Barbara

(A period of silence follows for reflection.)

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. 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 someday 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 those of us who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray all this in the name of God, our great and loving Mother.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As disciples who know that Christ is risen, let us pray for the Church and for the world. Lord, hear our prayer.

As your Church rejoices this morning in the Resurrection of her Lord and Savior, may her worship be reverent and her proclamation faithful. May every Christian soul respond in faith to the call of the Master and make haste to tell the good news.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let the Easter hope be known in all the world. Give light to those who seek, assurance to those who doubt, and peace to all. May Christ be known as the only Lord, the only hope of the nations.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless our visitors and loved ones of our parishioners who are with them today that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by each one of us. Be with our families and friends and all who share with us the wonder of the Resurrection. May the presence of Christ bring us close to those who are separated from us, in the knowledge that no distance can part us from his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those who stand at the open door of faith but are held back by doubt or fear of their unworthiness. Draw them in, that they may begin the new life that Christ has brought. Help and comfort those for whom suffering and sorrow mar the happiness of this Easter season.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have shared with Christ the death of the body, now share with him the eternal life of his Resurrection. May the promise that has been fulfilled in them be our hope in this world and our place in the world to come.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray in the name of Christ who conquered death that we might live for ever. **Amen.**

A MOMENT OF JOY

Mother Barbara

LORD'S PRAYER BCP #364

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.

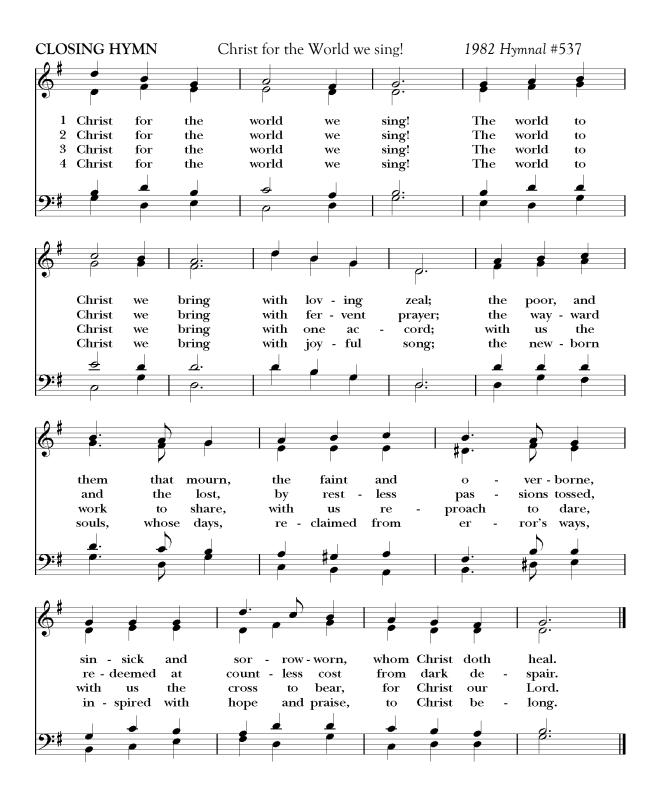
THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, it is the Lord who calls your name.

THE BLESSING

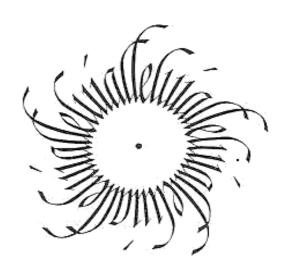
The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



THE DISMISSAL BCP #366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Kevin Gorman, pianist



WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Homilist: Mother Barbara

Church Musicians: Kevin Gorman, pianist

Michelle DiBona Trefren, cellist

Vocalists: Mary Beth Williams

Jay Williams

Michelle DiBona Trefren

Kevin Gorman

Lectors: Roseann Sysko

Kathy Varner

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively, and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

Leadership

Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson Parish Secretary Melanie Varner Church Musician Brian Helman Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC Verger Bill Gawors

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Ken Dotson
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Worship Services Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM In-Person Worship Services Thursday 9:30 AM – Meditation (Zoom or church) Live Stream Services and Recorded Services throughout the month

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