

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 9, 2021 - 9:30 AM
 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Prelude

The service begins with the sound of the church bell. Please stand as you are able.

The Opening Hymn

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, 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.

People: Amen.

Sung altogether

The Gloria

191 vv 1&5

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri-une Ma - jes - ty.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

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.

People Amen.

The Lessons

Please be seated.

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 Peter ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read responsively by half verse, breaking at the asterisk. The Reader reads the first line. The people respond with the next line.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for the Lord has done marvelous things.
- 2 With the Lord's right hand and holy arm *
has the Lord won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
the Lord's righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 The Lord 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 the Lord comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

The Gradual Hymn

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Please stand as you are able.

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
 praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the
 tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him

with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting He has come to de-stroy, Our sin for-

giv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia. Je-sus is liv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia.

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The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

The Priest says

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Russell Bohner

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and remain standing through the Peace.

Said altogether

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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Leader We bring before God the needs of the world, asking God for healing and renewal, saying, Christ is risen, the Lord is risen indeed! God of life, with gratitude and great joy, we praise you for the gift of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen,

People *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader We commit ourselves to work for the unity of the Church, that Christ's body may be one. On this day give us faith, for Christ is risen,

People *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader We pray for our nation and for the world, that all may work for justice, peace, and the common good. On this day give us courage, for Christ is risen,

People *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader We give thanks today for all the gifts and blessings we receive from you, O Lord. Honoring Christ, who rose to new life, we rise to serve all who suffer from want, neglect, deprivation, violence, and oppression, recognizing that everyone is created in your divine image, O Lord. On this day give us love, for Christ is risen,

People *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader We pray for the forgiveness of our sins and for the grace to amend our lives, that we may live as your children and serve the world in your name. On this day give us humility, for Christ is risen,

People *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader For all who need the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for those in our Parish Prayers, and for those we name now (silence). On this day give us healing, for Christ is risen,

People *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader For all who have died, remembering especially those we name now (silence). May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hidden with Christ in God. On this day give us peace, for Christ is risen,

People *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader Hear our prayers, O God of mercy. We praise you for Christ's dying that saves us from sin and death and Christ's rising that brings us new life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus Christ, the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People *Amen!*

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

When morning gilds the skies - 427

The Great Thanksgiving

The lines in italics are spoken by the people. Please stand as you are able.

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

The Sanctus

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Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;

all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;

in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.

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The Celebrant continues

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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Said altogether

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

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people say together

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

When invited, the People say

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection: I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in 10 this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Said altogether

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Postlude

Sunday Forum

Following the 9:30 AM Sunday worship service, join by Zoom with Saint Anne's clergy and congregation members for fellowship and conversation. As well as chatting and catching up with how everyone is doing, we will also have time to discuss questions arising from the Scripture readings and sermon. Everyone is welcome. [Click Here to Join.](#)

Reservations for the 8:00 AM or 5:00 PM Worship Services

On Tuesdays, the Church Office will send an email that includes links to register for the 8:00 AM or 5:00 PM worship services. In the email, click on the service you want to attend and follow the instructions. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited. Our sanctuary accommodates ten spaces, each of which seats one to four people. Thus, depending on the number of parishioners who want to attend in-person worship, we may need to take turns coming to church. As we take these next steps, we will need to continue to be patient, generous, and gracious with each other.

New Organ Matching Grant Opportunity

A Saint Anne's parishioner is offering the congregation a \$12,500 dollar-for-dollar matching grant toward the cost of the new organ. If we collect \$12,500 in donations for the new organ, this parishioner will donate an additional \$12,500. To capitalize on this generous gift, we are asking all of you, as you are able, to donate to Saint Anne's for the cost of the new organ. In the memo line of your check, please write "New Organ." All contributions to Saint Anne's are tax-deductible. If you have questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Food Bag Ministry

Items most needed are jelly, canned pasta, canned soup, canned vegetables & canned or dried fruit. Other nice to have items: “instant style sides” such as mashed potatoes, rice, noodles. *Our next Food Bag distribution will be on Tuesday, May 11.* If you have questions, please call the church office. Please drop off food at the Church Office-during office hours. Thank you for your support in this important ministry to our community.

Online Church Directory

Stay connected with our church community, visit:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

First time users will need to register. If you need assistance, please call the Church Office.

Parish Prayers

We pray for Meta Barrow, Toni Crane, Donald Davis, Sr., Dan Fisher, Velma Johnson, Carolyn Lange, Barbara McGinnis, Jean McGinnis, Alena Quintero, Charlie Repp, Stan Ricks, Elizabeth Roberts, Anthony Smith, Diane Smith, Fern Toner-Horisk, Larry & Sue Osborn, Christine Tschampel, Alan White, Mark Woodward, Ray Woodward, Clare, Phyllis & Verna. We pray for Erlene Jones who has died.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne’s and Saint Andrew’s Schools, and for Saint James’ Church, Newport.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Worship Participants for Today

Readers: Damien Jones & Isabelle Bohner. Choristers: Jessica Williams & Isabelle Bohner. Camera: Michael Bohner. Altar Guild: Kathy Cavanaugh & Isabelle Bohner.

For Church activities and announcements, please read *The Messenger*, which is posted on the website: www.SaintAnnesChurchDE.org. To receive *The Messenger* via email, please call the Church Office at 302-378-2401.

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Priest-in-Residence: The Rev. Celeste Cox

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for the Office: Nancy Koenig

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

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Church Calendar for the Week of May 9

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Sunday, May 9 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

In-Person-Reservations Required

Sunday Children's Worship—8:50 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website and Facebook Page

Sunday Forum—10:45 AM

Broadcast Live through Zoom [Click Here to Join.](#)

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—5:00 PM

In-Person-Reservations Required

Tuesday, May 11

Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Thursday, May 13

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Bible Study LIVE—10:00 AM

The Daily Office of Evening Prayer LIVE—6:00 PM

Bible Study by Zoom—6:30 PM

Sunday, May 16 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

In-Person-Reservations Required

Sunday Children's Worship—8:50 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website and Facebook Page

Sunday Forum—10:45 AM

Broadcast Live through Zoom

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—5:00 PM

In-Person-Reservations Required

Youth Group 7th & 8th—6:00 PM

Youth Group High School—7:00 PM