



The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

May 25, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Be Here, Be You, Be Loved



Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

The People's responses are in **bold print**.

We have **large print bulletins** and **hearing devices** available. If you need one, ask an usher.

Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world, we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

About The Season of Easter ("Eastertide"): The Feast of Christ's Resurrection

Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ.

The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times the Greek word Pentecost (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. The Council of Nicaea (325) directed that Christians are to pray standing. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season. The "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days. The traditional Christian Easter greeting (see Luke 24:34) serves as the opening acclamation at the eucharist during the Easter season.

Eastertide Worship

The seasonal notes, words, settings, and some of the music used here come from our bishop the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson in his *An Order for the Celebration of The Holy Eucharist for The Season of Easter Within the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri*; we thank him for his words and music and the permission to use them in our services.

Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated 7/2022)

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas, and two centuries ago enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the case of *Scott v. Emerson* that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.

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!

WELCOME!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Presider Let us gather ourselves into Christ's presence with a moment of silence.

Moment of silence to open our hearts.

ENTRANCE RITE

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Presider Dear friends in the risen Christ, we are made one with Jesus through the waters of baptism and the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. God's spirit hovered over the waters of creation and called all life into being. May that same spirit rest upon us to remind us that we are baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Anointed One.

Presider O God, the Creator of all things, by water and the Holy Spirit you have given the universe its beauty and fashioned us in your own image.

People **Bless and purify your creation.**

Presider O Christ the Messiah, from your pierced side you gave us your sacraments as fountains of salvation.

People **Bless and purify your Church.**

Presider O Holy Spirit, giver of life, from the baptismal font of the church you have formed us into a new creation in the waters of rebirth.

People **Bless and purify your people.**

Presider May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by grace, in Christ Jesus our Savior.

People **Amen! Alleluia!**

SONG OF PRAISE Glory to God

PERUVIAN MELODY

Leader
Dm Gm Bb Dm

heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY 67 (A Liturgical Psalter General Synod 2016, Anglican Church of Canada) *Prayed responsively.*

1 O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth its increase;

may you, O God our God, bless us.

7 May you bless us, *

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE Alleluia setting from *Seek Ye First*

SEEK YE FIRST



2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*



**May be sung as a two-voice canon.*

THE GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd

Moment for silent reflection

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (*Expansive Liturgies, ECUSA*) *Please stand as you are able.*

All **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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**
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,
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 (*Form A*)

Deacon People of God, I bid your prayers for those you are holding on your hearts.

The people audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.

Leader You who in dawns first light summoned creation anew through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; summon us afresh to be sentinels of light, hope, and resurrection; that in a world gripped by death, despair, and desolation we may be beacons of life, joy and love. Christ, be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love. We remember Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; Kathie, our dean; and the staff and Chapter of our Cathedral. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Florissant, David, their Rector; and Susan, their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Episcopal Housing Services. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. Christ, be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free us from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord. Christ, be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity. Christ, be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who shower comfort and hope on the lowest, the lost and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering including the people of St. Louis and beyond affected by the recent severe storms, Israel, Palestine and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, Iran, and Libya; the Rose, DeHahn, Choi, Saunders, Young, Johnson, and Jones families, the Centennial Christian Church community, our sibling Episcopal churches and properties damaged by the storm, Leslie, Milton, Tammy, Dave, Sandy, Larry, Helen, Leroy, Priscilla, John, William & Cindy, Gisele, Richard, Thomas, Deacon Barbi, Deb, Rev. Julie; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world. Christ, be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare and strife. Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, including all killed in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine, those killed in St. Louis in the recent Tornado: Patricia Penelton, Rena Scott-Lyles, Delois Holmes, Juan Baltazar, Larry Patrick,; and The Rev. Josie Rose, Vina Mae Saunders, Ivory Johnson, Victor Young, Corine Jones, those 49 lives taken by gun violence in the city of St. Louis in 2025, represented in the light of the small candles on the high altar; and all who die at the hand of another, or by their own hand. Christ, be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature, help us to delight in the diversity of the earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for the world and its beings, and to repent and return when we abuse, misuse or neglect our fellow creatures. Christ, be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

All **May Christ, the Morning-Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth and the wellspring of hope. That following the way of Jesus and filled with the flame of the Holy Spirit, we may be a holy people whose lives and living inspire, incite and inflame your world with compassion and care. Through Jesus the Christ the light of the world. Amen.**

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet each other with a sign of peace.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.


THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving B, altered for Eastertide, adapted

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

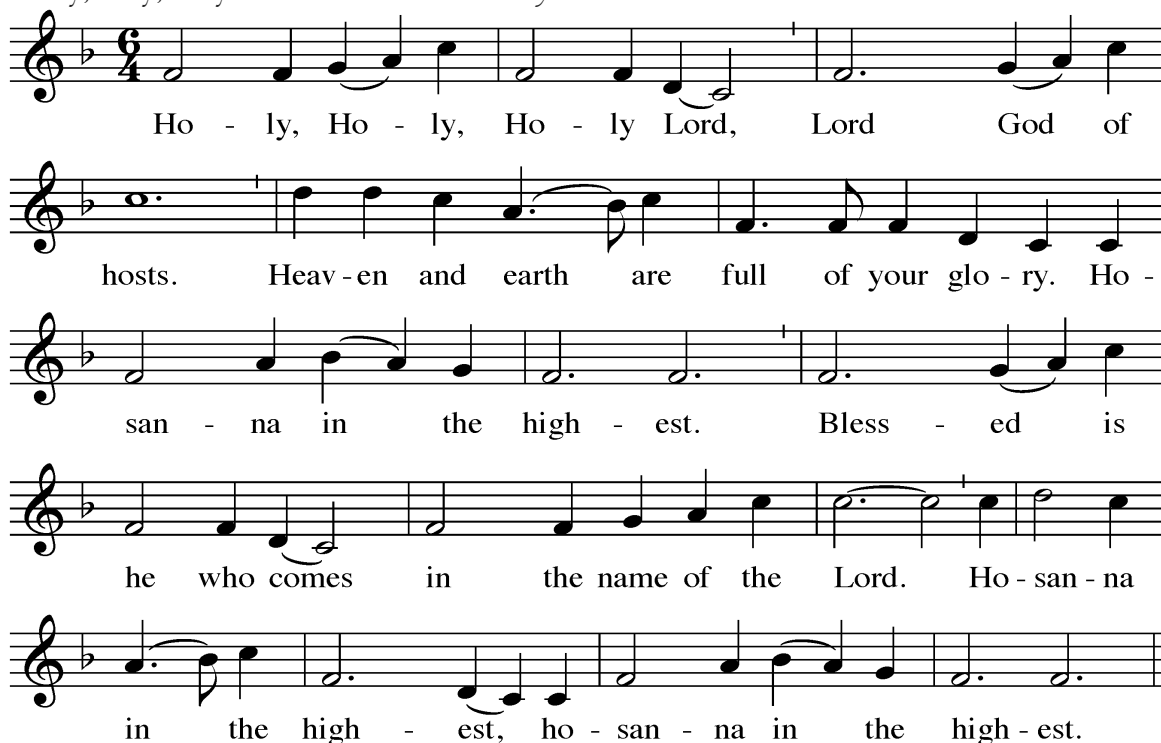
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Abiding God, you planted the vineyard of creation, and called your chosen people to be your vine, rooted and grounded in you. In Jesus, you gave us the true vine, turning the earth into grapes and the water of life into the wine of eternal life. Through your Son you abide in us, and in the power of your Holy Spirit you shape the branches of the vine to make fruit that will last. Your son was crucified on the vine of our sin, that the blood of his sacrifice might be the wine through which we may never be thirsty again. In this meal of creation, of resurrection, and of everlasting life, you pour out the cup of your abundance to give us eternal joy in you.

And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy *Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

LAND OF REST



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Presider Transforming God, your Son took the ordinary substance of human flesh and bone. On his last night with his friends, he took the ordinary materials of bread and wine. Come among us now, and make the ordinariness of our lives glow with the wonder of your eternal life. Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Presider Companionable God, you turn Word into flesh, and your perfect love casts out fear. You show us a way to love you by giving us siblings to love us as we love you. Abide with all whose lives are far from fruitful; remain with those who have experienced pruning; dwell with any who fell like branches that have been discarded. Unite your whole church, living and departed, as branches of your one vine, and through being rooted and grounded in you, make us fruitful in body, mind and spirit, until we stand before you, with your whole creation, and you are all in all.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People **Alleluia! AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

LAND OF REST

The bread is broken; silence is kept.

1. 2.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,

Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has two versions of the melody, labeled '1.' and '2.'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

THE INVITATION

Presider These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

The Presider may add:

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome to be fed. Please follow the movement to the altar; communion will be distributed at the head of the center aisle. Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.

Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Ave Verum Corpus

Camille Saint-Saens

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary. Truly suffering, He was sacrificed on the cross for us, whose side was pierced from where water and blood flowed. May it be for us a foretaste in the trial of death. [Sung in Latin]

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dean Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while." Therefore, let us now rest for a moment in Christ's presence in the silence.

A period of silence is kept. At a signal from the Dean, the silence is broken.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread, one cup.**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand as you are able*

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Alleluia! Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING *(Book of Occasional Services)*

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

THE SENDING

Deacon Our worship is ended; our service in the world now begins. Go now in peace to love and serve the risen Christ.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (Hymn #182)

David Cherwien

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