



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church
Essex, NY

Sunday Service
The 6th Sunday of Easter

In-Person & Zoom Worship
May 5, 2024 □ 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Lyn Burns

Loose Plate Offering
Rector's Discretionary Fund

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:
<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Prelude

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 291 "We plow the fields, and scatter"
(Please stand as the Crucifer and Officiant enter)

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Collect of Purity:

**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. Amen.**

The Collect for Easter 6

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.*

The First Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 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.

At the conclusion of the reading the lector says

“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches”

People respond: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 98 *to be said by alternating 1/2 verse*

Cantate Domino

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

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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.

Epistle: 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.

At the conclusion of the reading the lector says:

“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches”
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn "O, Jesus, crowned with all renown" **Hymn 292**
save the last verse until after Gospel

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

Presider:

Thou art the true vine, and we are the branches. Who remains in thee and thou in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from thee we can do nothing. Who does not remain in thee is thrown away like a branch that is cut off, and it withers. If anyone does not remain in me, he will be cast out like a branch and will wither. If anyone remains in me and my words remain in him, he will bear much fruit to the glory of the Father. I do not judge anyone who does not remain in me. I will judge anyone who does not remain in me. I will judge anyone who does not remain in me. I will judge anyone who does not remain in me.

The Holy gospel of our Lord and Savior 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.”

After the Gospel Reading:

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*Please be seated*)

The Rev. Lyn Burns

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand*)

BCP 358-359

The Prayers of the People:

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your Gospel to the nations... in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church of Brazil, and in the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Cathedral Arts program. We pray also for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeremiah our Bishop and Diane and Lyn our priests, Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry...we pray for those who are hungry throughout the world, especially in Gaza, the Sudan, Syria, and the

Ukraine. We pray for the poor and hungry in our own country. Nourish us all with your word and sacraments. Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way...strengthen our ties within our Diocese and our local community. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for **Margaret, Charlie, Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Alex, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Steven, Tom, Chris, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Alicia, and Sarge.**

Are there others?

pause Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection, and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you...Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus Lord of life. In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. *Amen.*

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

The Peace

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Watch over our sisters and brothers, 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 all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUCEMENTS (*Please be seated*)

Offertory Sentence

OFFERTORY Hymn 492 “Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness”

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider:

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the

our journey, and so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

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The Presider continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the

the eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People:

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Presider:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**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.**

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

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Presider:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

Congregation comes forward at this time to receive communion.

Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body" LEVAS II, 151

Communion

For those worshipping on Zoom, the following prayer is suggested to deepen your spiritual communion:

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 to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I pray you to let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us Pray

Creator of all, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ to one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Blessing

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.....

CLOSING HYMN 296 "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

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

Postlude

*The ringing of the bell signals the end of the service.
Please join us for coffee in Persell Hall*

Ministers of the Service

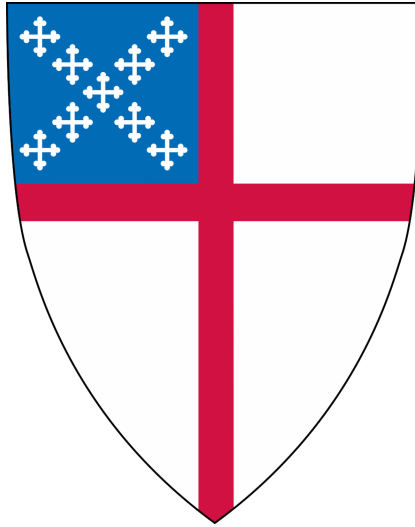
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