

Sunday, May 9th, 2021 The Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30am

Liturgy of the Word Enriching Our Worship

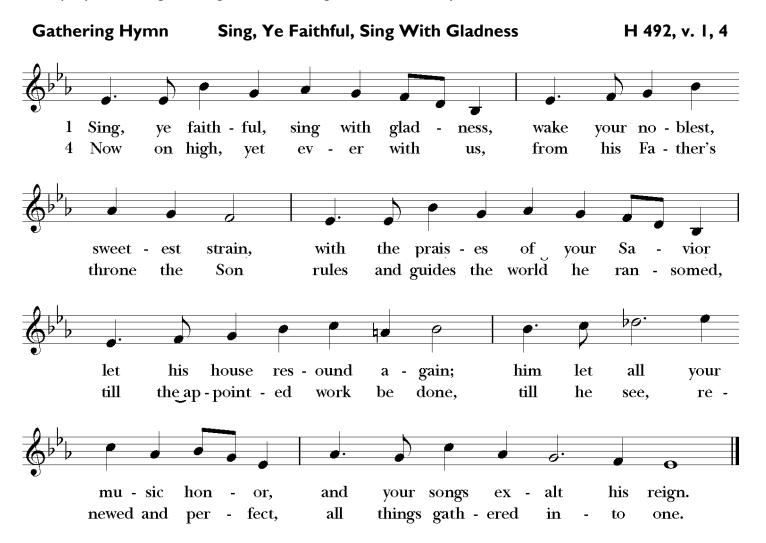


Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

We Gather

The people of God gather together. A bell rings out. Silence is kept.



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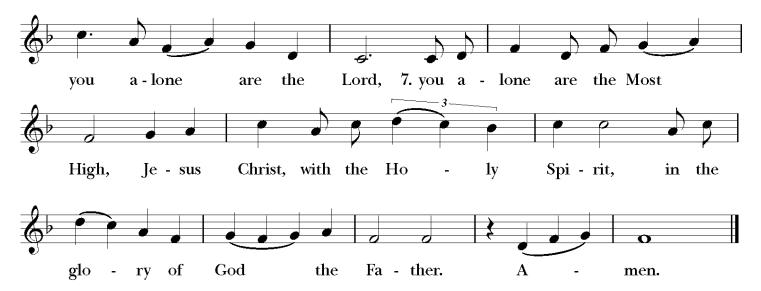
Opening Acclamations

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn Leader, Leah Milton and Sally Boyd, St. Barnabas'





The Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

I Thessalonions 2:7

O Gracious God in Heaven, you sent your apostles to be gentle among us, like a nurse tenderly caring for her children: Be with us now as we seek to care for the sick, the oppressed, and the broken hearted, that they might be healed by the touch of your saving embrace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lessons

The First Reading

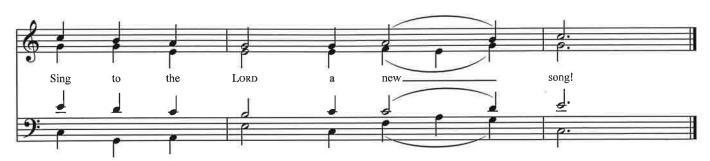
Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

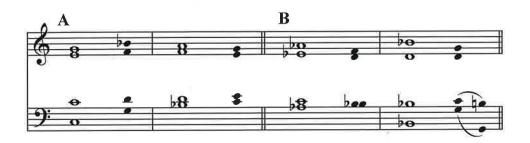
10:44-48

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





- I Sing to the Lord a <u>new song</u>, for he has done <u>marvelous things</u>.
- 2 With his right hand and his <u>holy arm</u> has he won for himself the <u>victory</u>. ANTIPHON
- 3 The Lord has made known his <u>victory</u>; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the <u>nations</u>.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of <u>Israel</u>, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our <u>God</u>. ANTIPHON
- A 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you <u>lands</u>; lift up your voice, rejoice, and <u>sing</u>.
- A 6 Sing to the Lord with the <u>harp</u>, with the harp and the voice of <u>song</u>.
- B 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. ANTIPHON
- A 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is <u>in it</u>, the land and those who dwell there<u>in</u>.
- A 9 Let the rivers clap their <u>hands</u>, and let the hills ring out with joy before the <u>Lord</u>, when he comes to judge the <u>earth</u>.
- B 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. ANTIPHON

The Second Reading

Reader: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

LEVAS 62

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find. His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth.

The Gospel

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

15:9-17

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Gabrielle N. S. Kennedy

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 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 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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Gathered as believers in Christ, made one body through baptism and living into the mystery

and power of Christ's resurrection, let us offer prayers to God and our response be: "Glory

and praise to you, O living God."

Intercessor: For God's people throughout the world, for the welfare of Christ's holy churches, for all

bishops, priests and deacons, and in our diocese. We pray for the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, Rolla, and Maria, their Interim Priest, and Schelly, their Deacon; and

for those discerning a call to ordained ministry; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For the leaders of the world that there may be peace and unity of all, for the leaders of this

nation and those who hold authority, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For all emergency responders, for those who stand against social injustices, and for those

serving in our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: We give thanks for healing and consolation. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving, either silently

or aloud. (Pause) For all our many blessings, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For this holy gathering and the witness, renewal, and growth of our parish family that we may

share the good news of Jesus Christ through our actions and words, and continually strive to

make St. Francis' Church a place of invitation and hospitality, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For those whose lives have been changed and displaced by natural disasters, for the hungry and

starving, for those in prison and those who are victims of crime, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For the sick and the suffering, the injured and the infirm, the unemployed and the

underemployed. We remember especially Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, Kathleen M, and Charlie. And we remember those who have asked for our prayers, especially Linda Rose, Mary, Joanne, Brittney, Dominic, Tony, Ellen, Liz and Andrew, Griffin, Debbie, and Tucker, and St. Boniface's Migration Ministry in Florida. And we also remember those whose lives have been changed in the aftermath of unwarranted gun violence. Please name those for whom you

wish to pray, either silently or aloud. (Pause) For all those we name, and those we hold in our

hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For all those whom we love but see no longer, especially Pat Jacobi and Sally Borgerson, and

those who died in the Mexico City transit accident this week, that they may be received in your infinite tenderness and given eternal rest. Please name those whom you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. (Pause) For all the departed, and for those who mourn.

Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our

prayers, which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe wholeness upon us with your Holy

Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray in the way that Christ taught us.

People: 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 you forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

Blessing

Officiant: God's Blessing be with you,

Christ's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring be with you,

now and always.

People: Amen.



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Dismissal

Deacon: As we go out this day, let us share the love of God, as we serve others in the name of

Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: We will share the love of Christ with our fellow sisters and brothers! Thanks

be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, Kathleen M., and Charlie

For those who have asked for prayers: For Linda Rose, Mary, Joanna, Brittney, Dominic, Tony, Ellen, Liz and Andrew, Griffin, Debbie and Tucker, St. Boniface's Migration Ministry in Florida

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Pat Jacobi and Sally Borgerson; for those who died in the Mexico City transit accident; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, Rolla, and Maria, their Interim Priest, and Schelly, their Deacon

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19; those who serve in our military

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Francis'

Today, Sunday, May 9

Rev. Gabrielle N. S. Kennedy, preaching

8:30am Holy Eucharist*

9:30am Sunday Forum, in person and

on Zoom*

10:30am Liturgy of the Word, on

YouTube*

5:45pm Al-Anon, Community Room*

Monday, May 10

7:00am Volunteers meet at church

for Rockwood Valley MS

Appreciation Day

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook*

Tuesday, May 11

3:00pm Volunteers meet at church

for Eureka PD Appreciation

Day

7:00pm Book Group on Zoom

Wednesday, May 12

11:45am Eucharist outside, The

Timbers*

12:15pm Crafternoon, The Timbers*

Thursday, May 13

6:45pm AA, Community Room*

Friday, May 14

7:00am Volunteers meet at church

for Eureka ES Appreciation

Day

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook*

10:00am Bible Study, in person or

Zoom*

Next Week at St. Francis'

Sunday, May 16

Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, preaching

Tuesday, May 18

9:00am Volunteers meet at church

for Eureka FPD Appreciation

Day

*All items marked with an asterisk above are weekly opportunities and will repeat the following week.

Welcome!

Are you a visitor? We're so glad you're here! If you're joining us in person and would like to connect, please speak with an usher or fill out a Getting to Know You form, available in the back of the sanctuary. If you're joining us online, we'd love you to submit the same form, available through the main navigation menu of our website, so we can know who you are and how we can connect.

Sunday Forum: "Who is Our Neighbor"

This week's session features Dr. Michael Booker, St. Francis' parishioner and Sunday Forum Leader, for a session called "Prayers of the People: Praying for our Neighbor." You can participate in the Forum either by attending in person or through Zoom; participants on Zoom will be able to ask questions through a moderator. Next Sunday, we will welcome Lili Schliesser, Project Coordinator - Community Partners in Prevention, Rockwood School District. Past sessions of Forum are available on our YouTube page.

Appreciation Days

Our Communications Committee has planned a series of Appreciation Days in which we will visit and offer treat bags to educators and first responders to thank them for their commitment during Covid-19. Volunteers are needed! Call Donna Bernert at 314-363-6599 or just show up for any of these:

May 10, 7am: Visit Rockwood Valley Middle School May 11, 3pm: Visit Eureka Police Department May 14, 7am: Visit Eureka Elementary School May 18, 9am: Visit Eureka Fire Protection District For all opportunities, we meet at the church!

Children and Family Formation

We welcome wiggles! By that, we mean that children are fully welcome in our worship services. Right now, we have a children's space with soft seating and quiet liturgical-based activities within our worship space. Beginning on August 22nd, when the academic year starts, we will be offering Children's Formation Time during our 10:30am worship. Your Children & Family Formation ministry committee is working hard to ensure the full inclusion of humans of all ages in the life of St. Francis', and we thank them for that!

Email Newsletter

The majority of our announcements and program information is sent in our weekly newsletter, Fridays around noon. If you aren't currently receiving our newsletter and would like to, please contact Leslie at office@stfranciseureka.com.

Today's Ministers of Worship

Preaching Rev. Gabrielle N. S. Kennedy
Officiant The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon The Ven. Rebecca Barger

Music Director Cheryl Foster

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