Service of Ante-Communion
Sunday, May 9, 2021
The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rite Two

Prelude:

9:00am – “Pavane” Music by Bernard Andrés
Paul Baker, Harp

10:30am – “Andante” (from Piano Sonata No. 16 in C Major)
Music by W.A. Mozart
John-Kevin Hilbert, Piano

Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order

HYMN

Alleluia, alleluia (Lux eoi) Hymnal 191
OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 351)

(the Celebrant says)

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People     The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 352)

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(the Priest stands and says)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 225)

Celebrant 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. Amen.
FIRST READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Reader        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People        Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 98 (BCP p. 727) (sung by a member of the choir with Refrain sung by all)

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

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

Refrain

3The LORD has made known his victory; *  
   his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

Refrain

4He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *  
   and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Refrain

5Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *  
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the LORD with the harp, *  
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. Refrain

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *  
and the peoples with equity. Refrain

SECOND READING (for the 10:30 online service only) 1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First letter of John.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)
Lord, make us servants of your peace (Dickinson College)

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith: where all is
3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con
4 May we not look for love’s return, but seek to
5 Dying, we live, and are reborn through death’s dark

1 hate, may we sow love: where there is hurt, may we for
2 gloom, may we sow hope: where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to console, nor look to understand
4 love unselfishly, for in our giving we re
5 night to endless day: Lord, make us servants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to understand.
4 receive, and in giving are forgiven.
5 peace, to wake at last in heaven’s light.

Hymnal 593
GOSPEL

Priest 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

(the Officiant announces the 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 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. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 385)

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishops, John and Diane, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

(silence)
I ask your prayers for all mothers and for all those who provide motherly care. Pray they may be blessed and may be filled with love, wisdom, and endurance.

(silence)

I ask for your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving which you may offer silently or aloud (in the comments).

(silence)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

(silence)

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

*O God, we thank you for the power of divine love and for the presence of your love in one another. Guide us all finally into that greatest love who is Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

9:00am – “At the River”  *Music by Charles Ives*  
sung by Lewis Johnson, Bass; John-Kevin Hilbert, Piano

10:30am – “Sicut Cervus”  *Music by Giovanni Pierluigi de la Palestrina*  
sung by Meredith Pyle, Soprano; Jessica Berns-Garner, Soprano; Ariana Stultz, Alto; Kirk Garner, Tenor; Ben Greenberg, Baritone; Lewis Johnson, Bass  
John-Kevin Hilbert, Conductor

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and 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 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,
   forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

(the Celebrant says)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (Sicilian) Hymnal 344

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing,

2 Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of thy salvation world away, fear of death shall not appall us,

3 so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the
THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People   And also with you.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postlude:

9:00am – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  Music by Rowland Prichard
Paul Baker, Harp

10:30am – “Praise to the Lord” by Don Freudenburg
Greg Schreiner, Organ