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Sixth Sunday of Easter
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
May 26, 2019
10:30 a.m.
An Easter Message from the Rector

How wonderful it is to lift our voices as we shout out with joy, *Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!* After journeying through the 40 days of Lent, a time spent in quiet prayer and reflection in the darkened winter months, we are ready to embrace the hope and promise of the new life we are promised in the Risen Christ. We are assured by Christ’s death and resurrection that nothing can vanquish God’s love, not even the sting of death. The Light of Christ has come into the world through God’s boundless grace for you and me, with the promise of new life without end. The Paschal candle, the large single candle to the left of the altar that burns during the 50 days of the Easter season, is a reminder of the Resurrection, where we are reunited with God as the Living Body of Christ. Every Sunday, we gather together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, (*eucharist* is Greek for thanksgiving) as a reminder that we each have been given new life in Christ that will never end. So, there is much to celebrate and give thanks for as we shout, *Alleluia, He is risen!*

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available, and child care is provided in the Education Wing.

*Our ushers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship. Please speak to an usher if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. Again, welcome.*

*Cover image: He is Not Here by He Qi*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**THE VOLUNTARY**  
Praeludium in G Major  
Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

*Bruhns is one of the tragic figures of the organ world. He died aged just 31, and there are only four surviving authenticated organ works. Praeludium in G is one of the finest examples of the mature 17th century North German High Baroque organ school — having the feeling of a mini opera, with its sudden changes of mood and character. Bruhns was a young master of the north German *stylus phantasticus* style, having studied with Buxtehude in Lübeck. A highly talented performer, he was known to play violin while accompanying himself with the organ pedals. (Notes courtesy Andrew Benson-Wilson)*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 657**  
Love divine, all loves excelling  
*HYFRYDOL*

*All stand and sing.*

**THE EASTER ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*  
Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People*  
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant*  
Let us pray. 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.
THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Revelations 5:12-13; adapted by John W. Arthur (1922-1980);
Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.
People Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:9–15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her 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  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 67

Chanted by the Choir, the people singing the antiphon as indicated.

1 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

2 Let God be merciful to us and bless us,*
   show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

3 Let your ways be known upon earth,*
your saving health among all nations.

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 her increase;*
   may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing,*
   and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.
THE SECOND LESSON  
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  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 550  Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult
All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL  
John 14:23–29

Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
All  Glory to you, Lord 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.”

Celebrant  The Gospel of the Lord.
All  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON  
The Reverend William J. Eakins
All sit.
THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

The people say the words in bold.

Let us pray to God, who is our light, for our own needs and those of others.

You have freed and empowered your Church and stirred us to action in your loving name: Let the peoples praise you, O God, that we may spread your light and your healing presence throughout the world. Let your ways be known upon earth; your saving health among all nations.

Inspire all who serve in positions of power or authority, O God, especially Donald, the president of the United States, and our Congress, that they may be servants of your healing justice. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
We thank you, God, for the beauty of our New England spring, for warm sun and nourishing rain, for bright blooms and soft grass. Inspire and bless our efforts to care for the earth so it may sustain the abundant life you have created. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

Shine your healing light upon those who yearn to be made well, in body, mind or spirit. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. May God be merciful to us and bless us; show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

We remember those who have died, especially Audre Morrison and Dawn Farrar Ayer, who dwell with God in that place where they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Celebrant We lift our prayers to God, who opens hearts, shines an everlasting light, heals our wounds, and grants us peace, in the name of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me,
“Where is now thy God?”

A powerful, pleading “Where is my God?” is the central message of the Howells Psalm setting, but even more powerful is the imagery of deer in placid fields, yet thirsty. From the first notes of the introduction, the listener is drawn into a musical landscape, which sounds as if it were already in progress long before we began hearing it.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand and sing.

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. Amen.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People    And also with you.
Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.
People    We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People    It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

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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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
On the night before he died for us, 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John’s. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail. If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lord’s prayer Philip Radcliffe (1905–1986)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING
The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 719 O beautiful for spacious skies Materna
All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL
The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in G Major Nicolaus Bruhns

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God’s Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.
THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Hope H. Eakins
Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins
Layreader: Lissie Brooks
The St. John’s Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt
Acolytes: Margaret Babbitt, Elsa Ciscel, Morgan Babbitt, Isabel Grant
Ushers: Jeff Gostyla, Steve Crocker, Emhart Aziz
Healing Prayers: Cindy Lawler
Altar Guild: June Aziz, Conny DeLuca, Carol Sonne

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Carol Sonne
Musician: Helen Hughlett

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Edith H. Phillips and Paul S. Carter.
In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.
The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.
Séminaire de Théologie d’Église Épiscopale d’Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.
Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.
Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.
All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev’d Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops; for members of the Anglican Consultative Council; for the Secretary General, the Most Rev’d Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon; and for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas’, New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and for Camp Washington staff, board, counselors, and campers.
Save the Date

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.
The Men’s Bible Study meets every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m., with coffee provided. The group is currently studying the life of David by reading the books of Samuel. All men are welcome to join them!

Pipes Alive!, Sunday, June 2, 12:30 p.m.
Our series of half-hour concerts featuring regional organists will conclude on June 2, with St. John’s own organ artist-in-residence, Christa Rakich. Admission is free and open to the public; donations are welcome. A soup lunch will be provided before the June concert, for those who stay after the 10:30 service to attend.

Celtic service, Sunday, June 2, 4:30 p.m.
The final Celtic service of the program year is next Sunday. Celtic services, a joint project of St. John’s and St. James’s, include prayer, poetry, music, chant and reflection. The service begins with an extended period of silence at 4:30. All are welcome.

Summer service schedule starts, Sunday, June 23
On summer Sundays, we will hold a single morning service in the church at 9 a.m., along with an informal service in the Cloister Garden (weather permitting) at 5 p.m. This schedule will begin on June 23. On the final Sunday of the regular program year, June 16, we will hold our usual 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, and also welcome the Reverend Margie Baker, our new curate. Margie will preach, and we'll have a special coffee hour after the 10:30 service to welcome her and her family. In addition, summer office hours (9 a.m. to 2 p.m., M–F) will begin on Tuesday, May 28.

How the ESOL program at St. John’s is changing lives

About half of St. John’s community service budget supports ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and citizenship classes run by the Town of West Hartford and hosted here at the church. Both language and citizenship classes take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from September through May. An additional citizenship class is held during the summer session (mid-May to late June), and for the first time this summer, the need for a summer ESOL session will be met with an additional class on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings in July.

The classes are all free of charge. In addition, the classes held at St. John’s are open to residents of any Greater Hartford municipality, whereas classes held on town property are only open to West Hartford residents. Through this program, St. John’s is helping to support dozens of immigrants who are working hard to improve their language skills and their families’ lives.

To learn more about how the St. John’s ESOL and citizenship classes help change people’s lives for the better, check out the booklet in Hubbard Hall this morning titled ESL Class: Our Stories. Edited by one of the program’s most popular teachers, Joe, this booklet includes first-person stories from students who have found the help and support they need here at St. John’s. Here’s a sample of the stories included in this booklet:

I’m Anthony from Togo in West Africa, which is a French-speaking country. I’m an engineer in telecommunications, a field I worked in for over 30 years. I’m now retired and living with my son here in Connecticut for four months now. I’m in Joe’s class to improve my speaking and comprehension skills. My goal is to be fluent so that I can communicate freely and easily.

I’m Maria Zacarias and I came from Peru 20 years ago with luggage full of hopes and dreams and challenges. My main ambition was to help my son become a graphic designer and we succeeded. Now I’m resting, having worked two full-time jobs in a prestigious restaurant. Now I’m doing what I love, learning to listen and comprehend English lessons. Thanks to my professor Joe for sharing his knowledge with us. Thank you to St. John’s Church for the immense opportunity you provide.
WORSHIP in this ancient tradition. All are welcome. MONTHLY on the FIRST SUNDAY OCTOBER-JUNE at 4:30pm
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A series of half-hour recitals on the St. John’s Celebrated Austin Organ

2019 Artists:

January 6       Diana Chou
February 3      Kyle Swann
March 3         Nathan Lively
April 7         Scott Lamlein
May 5           Jackson Merrill
June 2          Christa Rakich

Recitals are held on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free!

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St. John's Summer Service Schedule

9 a.m. Sunday morning in the church
5 p.m. Sunday evening in the garden

June 23 through September 1
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)
5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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*These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John’s mission and ministries.

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