



**ST. DAVID'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Liturgy of the Word  
May 17, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

**Celebrant and Preacher** The Rev. Katie Wright, Associate Rector

**Music** Dr. David Stevens, Director of Music  
Eric Mellenbruch, Assoc. Director of Music + organist  
Susan Meitz, soprano

☼ The flowers on the High Altar are given  
in honor of all 2020 graduates,  
may they someday get the celebration they deserve, by Mary Rose ☼

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## WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. Even though we are in a new phase of church life, we are committed to offering a meaningful worship experience for all who tune in to our virtual services (Liturgy of the Word at 9 a.m. and Compline at 8 p.m. on Sundays). Formation for children, youth, and adults is offered after the morning service at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

We miss seeing you in person and long for the day when we can be back together. Until then, we hold you in our hearts, and hope you enjoy the service.

## NEW TO ST. DAVID'S?

If you are new to St. David's we especially welcome you! If you want more information about the church, please email Amy Moehnke ([Amy.M@stdave.org](mailto:Amy.M@stdave.org)), our Minister for Newcomers, and she will get back to you very soon!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, you can add a comment on Facebook during the service or send them to [prayers@stdave.org](mailto:prayers@stdave.org).

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE: Prelude on 'Blessèd Jesus, at thy word'

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN 440

✦ Blessèd Jesus, at thy word

*Liebster Jesu*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

✠ **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: HYMN 421

✠ **All glory be to God on high**

*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP, p. 225

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.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 17:22-31

Jenny Campbell

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

Eric Mellenbruch  
BCP, p. 673

Psalm 66:7-18 *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

✠ **8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

✠ **10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

✠ **12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

✘ **14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

✘ **16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

✘ **18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.**

**EPISTLE:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

Ronney Reynolds

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 513 (Please stand and sing.)

☒ Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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

☒ Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON: The Rev. Katie Wright, Associate Rector

✠ 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.



Susan Meitz

**Refrain** *(Please sing the Refrain after the Cantor and at appointed times.)*

Mark Wischkaemper

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 2/4 time signature, and then returns to 4/4. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with a final half note on 'made' followed by a whole note on 'new!'.

That which has grown old is be-ing made new!

*The Celebrant offers the following bidding.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*The Intercessor continues*Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.*Guide the people of this land, especially Donald our President, Greg our Governor, and Steve our Mayor, and leaders of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.***♪ Refrain**Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.*Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.*Give guidance and strength to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops; Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; and all bishops and other ministers. *Silence.***♪ Refrain**Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those for whom prayers have been requested through St. David's, those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who are caring for all the ill, and those providing supplies to the caregivers; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.*We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, Ruth, Nan, Malcolm, Art, Boyd, and those who have died from Covid-19, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.***♪ Refrain***The People are invited to offer their own intercessions.**Celebrant*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord ✠ **Amen.****OFFERTORY**

**ANTHEM:** *Christo resurgenti*

François Couperin

Christ now arising,  
Christ now triumphing,  
the skies applaud.  
Surely vindicated,  
death having been conquered,  
let all things rejoice.  
Alleluia.

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP, p. 364

✠ **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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

#### EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ✠ **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:** Verset on 'Blessèd Jesus, at thy word'

J.G. Walther

## **A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

*Written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*

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## **ATTEND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

After this service, there will be formation for children, youth, and adults. Register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

Adults are invited to join the Rev. Chad McCall for the Lectionary Bible Study at 10:00 following this service. [Register here and Zoom will send you a link.](#)

The Journey Groups "Companions in Community" and "Keeping the Sabbath ... Wholly" will meet on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

## **WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ST. DAVID'S?**

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