

The Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The people's responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold; arr. Sally Slade Warner (1932-2009)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Trio Sonata in C Major, BWV 529
Fugue in C, BuxWV 174

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

INTROIT

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth. (*St. John 14:15-16*)

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
 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.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

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.

PSALM 66:7-18

Chant: Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

The choir introduces the antiphon; then all repeat.



Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
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.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.

All repeat the antiphon.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

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.

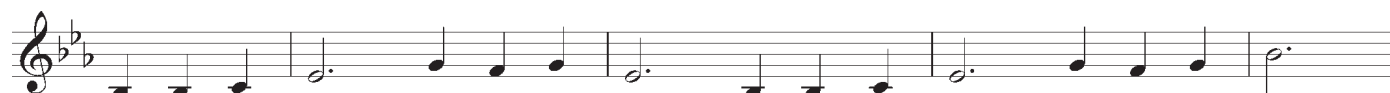
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

This is my will, my last command

Suantrai



1. "This is my will, my new com - mand, that love should dwell a - mong you all.
2. There is no great - er love than this: to lay your life down for your friends.
3. I call you ser - vants now no more; no ser - vant knows his lord's full mind.
4. You did not choose me: I chose you, ap - point - ed you, and chose you all,
5. All that you ask the Fa - ther now for my name's sake you shall re - ceive.



1. This is my will, that you should love as I have shown that I love you.
2. You are my friends if you o - bey what I've com - mand - ed you to do.
3. I call you friends, for I've told you all I have heard my Fa - ther say.
4. each one to go and bear much fruit, fruit that will last be - yond all time.
5. This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should dwell in each, in all."

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas

The people stand.

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 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

After each intercession,

We pray,
Hear us, living God.

The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Light, love, life

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

God is light, not darkness. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Love is no love that asks for a return. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. God is the essence of life, pure and undefiled consciousness. Whatever your life's work is, do it well. O God of eternal light, lover of true concord, and the source of our very being: Shine through us by the continuous merits of our actions, show forth your loving-kindness in us with the sweet harmony of justice and peace, and by your heavenly grace, guide our lives that we may fulfill the good works you have called us to do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, the supreme sacrifice of Love, and through whom we are given eternal Life. Amen. (*Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948), Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), Gary Davison (b. 1961)*)

The people stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 God thanks and praise.

The presider offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

W. Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

The people are seated.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

During the administration of Holy Communion the laying on of hands and prayers for healing is offered in St. John's Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp to the right of the pulpit.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Love bade me welcome

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The people stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 people are seated.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF ACOLYTES

COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES

The dean, canon for worship, and chaplains of St. Albans School and National Cathedral School join in blessing the acolytes: Clayton Gasbo, Emily Kim, Clark Klitenic, Isabel Steinberg, and Ben Vacher.

INSTALLATION OF HEAD ACOLYTES

The dean, canon for worship, and chaplains of St. Albans School and National Cathedral School join in blessing the head acolytes, Lilly Freemyer and Robert Shekoyan.

VALEDICTION OF ACOLYTES

The dean, canon for worship, and chaplains of St. Albans School and National Cathedral School join in praying over acolytes Noah Donoghue, Guyton Harvey, Alexandra Hohenlohe, Caroline Kim.

The people stand.

THE BLESSING

The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Earth and all stars



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound - ing in
2. Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the sto - ry to
3. Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the Spir - it the
4. Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row be si - lent: death put a - sun - der, and
5. Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem,



1. glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, hea - ven for - ev - er!
2. o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
3. fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
4. Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
5. Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Refrain

1. Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
2. Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
3. gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me. Je - sus is ris - en and
4. Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in E flat

David N. Johnson (1922-1988)

WORSHIP LEADERS The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith, The Reverend Andrew K. Barnett, The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas, The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan

FLOWER GIFTS Flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. High altar: in memory of John E. Ryerson; the altar in St. Mary's Chapel: in loving memory of Mary Burr Gibson Kelly; the altar in Holy Spirit Chapel: in memory of Huntington T. Harris; the altar in Children's Chapel: in memory of Marquesa de Casa-Maury; the altar in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Loder Wiener and in memory of Edwin E. Greigg.

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