

# Emmanuel Church

May 09, 2021

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

10:00 AM

**Prelude**

Selinger's Round

W. Byrd

**Hymn 655**

O Jesus, I have promised

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle,  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway,  
if thou wilt be my guide.
- 2 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me  
listen, thou guardian of my soul.
- 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt.

Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

Meter: 76. 76. D

### **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**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### **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 Lessons**

### **The First Reading**

Acts 10:44-48

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 98**

**BCP p. 727**

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
Shout 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.  
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.

## The Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
    joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
    all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
    pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
    enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,  
    let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
    nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be alway blessing,  
    serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
    glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation;  
    pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
    perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
    till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
    lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)  
Meter: 87. 87. D

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

**Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Della Wager Wells**

**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.

### **Prayers of the People, Form II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Nicholas, our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our community of Emmanuel; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our President, Joseph, our Governor, Daniel, our Mayor, Jeanne Marie and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Nellie, Maureen, Janet, Bobby, Betty Lou, Diane (*pronounced Dee-On*), Mike, Rob, Liz, Sandy, Nora, Judy, Barbara, Donald, Thomas, Mandy, Gail, Ida, Jim, Jill, Dave, Marcia, Doris, Walker, Norma, Janet, Nick; Audrey, Perry, Catherine, Donna, Bonny and Bill, Sandy, and Liz, Susan, Sean, 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 God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Annie Guinan's friend, Sue Price who died April 25, And LeRoy White who died April 27.

Pray for those who have died.

*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 People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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 Peace**

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

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 him thanks and praise.*

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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: 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.**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Hymn 439**

What wondrous love is this

- 1 What wondrous love is this,  
    O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
    O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
    to lay aside his crown  
        for my soul, for my soul,  
    to lay aside his crown  
        for my soul.
- 2 To God and to the Lamb,  
    I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb,  
    I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
who is the great I AM,  
    while millions join the theme,  
        I will sing, I will sing,  
    while millions join the theme  
        I will sing.
- 3 And when from death I'm free,  
    I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835

Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926)

Meter: 12 9. 12. 12 9

### **The Postcommunion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant adds a Blessing.*

### **Hymn 513**

Like the murmur of the dove's song

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's Body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)  
Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)  
Meter: 87. 87. 6

## The Dismissal

*Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.*  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

Postlude

Tocatta Sestina

G. Muffat

## Today's Servers

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