



# EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

*We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.*

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 14, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

*The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.*

PRELUDE

HYMN 412

*Earth and all stars*

### THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

*Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

*People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

COLLECT FOR PURITY, *prayed aloud by all*

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 *Book of Common Prayer, page 356*

Carl Haywood



*Cantor* *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,*

*People* Refrain

*Cantor*      *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 the Father.*

*People*        **Refrain**

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed aloud by all*

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 FIRST READING

**P**aul 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.”

*-Acts 17:22-31*

*Lector*    *The Word of the Lord*

*People*    **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 66:7-18

**B**less 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.

THE SECOND READING

**N**ow 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.

-1 Peter 3:13-22

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN 516

*Come down, O Love divine*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

-John 14:15-21

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED, *Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI, *Book of Common Prayer, page 392*

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

*The Road Less Traveled*

words: Walt Whitman

Presentation Hymn

The Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



## THE POST COMMUNION 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.

HYMN 347

*Go forth for God*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Themes from *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1*

Edward Elgar

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☞ Coffee Hour follows the service in the Library. All are welcome.

*Today...* we have music related to our readings as always, and to Mother's Day, and with a nod to the graduation on May 21 of our three seniors from Salve Regina University. The choir will sing a recent choral setting of Walt Whitman's poem *The Road Less Traveled*, a text often used in commencement ceremonies. Our artist in residence, Ali Hosford, will sing *You'll Never Walk Alone* from Carousel, as well, which is certainly our wish for Olivia, Bailey and Nellie as they reach this wonderful milestone in their lives. The prelude is a setting of a favorite hymn of Randy's mother, grandmothers and great grandmothers. It is perhaps more familiar to church goers in Baptist and Methodist traditions in the south. The opening hymn sings praises of creation and all the joys it brings (including education). The closing hymn sends us out into the world where we are called to live out the great commission.

### *Volunteers*

*Lectors:* Andy Ross, Kevin Venancio    *Intercessor:* Vickie Hicks

*Usher:* Valerie Martin    *Coffee Hour:* Fay and Ed Gosling

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### *Staff*

The Rev. Della Wager Wells, *Rector*, Randy Elkins, *Director of Music & Organist*,  
Ali Hosford, *Artist in Residence*, Olivia Kirshy & Bailey Catizone, *Choral Scholars*

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