

St. James Anglican Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sunday May 10th, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: The Ven. John Anderson

Co-officiant: Rev. Carol Hardie

Mr. Jeff Campbell, Director of Music

Vocal Prelude “Amarilli Mia Bella” *arr. Giulio Caccini*
Faith King, Soprano

Processional Hymn # 429 (CP) “For the Beauty of the Earth” *Dix*

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

The Spirit draws us into God’s story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God’s dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Easter people, God’s story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God’s story, until God’s kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

The Gloria # 702 (CP)

Gathering Prayer

Risen Christ, whose gift to us is the Spirit of truth: come, make your home with us, so that, keeping your commandments, we may dwell with you and the Father. **Amen.** *Propers Working Group (2016)*

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading from Acts 17: 22-31

Then 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^[a] 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.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading from 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 defence to anyone who demands from you an account of 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 suffered¹ 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 people, 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^[e] 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.

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The Gospel

Before the Gospel #715 (CP) "Alleluia"

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 for ever. 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*)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel #715 (CP) "Alleluia"

Sermon: The Ven. John Anderson

Anthem: "Be Still" *arr. Mary McDonald*
The St. James Choir

Affirmation of Faith Hear O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People Mae Cox, *Lay Reader*

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Stories of Jesus

V1

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear, things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

V2

First, let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me: words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face.

V3

Tell me about the disciples from far and near, and I will listen among them eager to hear. Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless, showing the people God's tenderness.

V4

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea, tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee, and how the Master, ready and kind, chided the billows and hushed the wind.

V5

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing, loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

The Eucharist

Prayer before Communion

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever. **Amen.**
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer # 5

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 our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing.

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.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your

kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

I am the bread of life, says the Lord. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

#747 (CP) "Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Music During Communion

Hymn #656 (CP) "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" *She Flies On*

Hymn #555 (CP) "Amazing Grace" *New Britain*

Solo "Beside Still Waters" *arr. B. Mamblen*
Faith King, Soprano

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

Glory to God,

whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #531 (CP) "You Who Dwell" On Eagles' Wings

Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves! And go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sung Benediction "Lift High the Cross" *Crucifer*

Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name! Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout! If we are silent, even stones cry out. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name!

Organ Postlude

Flowers in the Church are in memory of our mom

Helen Perry.

Given by Ingrid Perry and Lori Peacock

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