



# All Together Sunday



All Welcome All Loved All Saints'

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM + May 5, 2024

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

**Prelude:** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

*Peter Scholtes, arr. D. Wagner*

**Hymn:** "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

*Blue Hymnal 492*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* **Prayer**

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:** Glory to God

*Blue Hymnal S 280*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### The Collect

Said in unison

**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.**

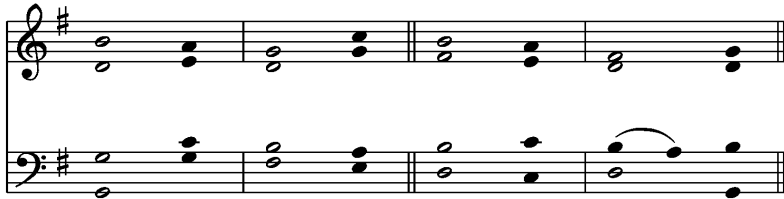
### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48

**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.**

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song. \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 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.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp. \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it. \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands. \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

#### A Reading from the First Letter of John 5:1-6

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.

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** "God is Love; let heaven adore him"

*Blue Hymnal 379*

### **The Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17**

*People Said before the reading*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

*Said after the reading*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Sean Maloney

## **Holy Baptism**

**Presentation of Candidate and Examination**

BCP p. 301

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present Antonio to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents:*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions to those who speak on behalf of young children*

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation,*

*Question:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

**The Baptismal Covenant** (*please stand as you are able*)

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

### **The Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation:* Let us now pray for Antonio who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader:* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the

beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Baptism**

Antonio, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

### **The Sign of the Cross**

*Then the Priest places a hand on each person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Welcome**

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and people say:* We receive you into the household of God, confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

### **The Peace and Greetings**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements: Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem: "Goliath"**

*Music: Joseph M. Martin*

*Words: J. Paul Williams*

**The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus:** Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Blue Hymnal S 129*

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

**FRACTION ANTHEM:** Christ our Passover

*Blue Hymnal S 155*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

**Communion Music**

Communion Music: "Wondrous Love"

*Music: Christian folk hymn, arr. Paul J. Christiansen*

*Words: Anon*

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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:** "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

*Blue Hymnal 292*

**The Dismissal**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

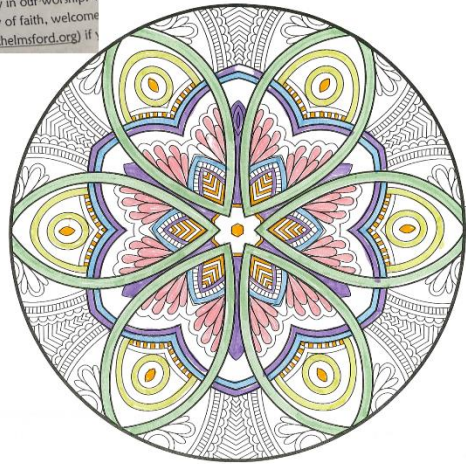
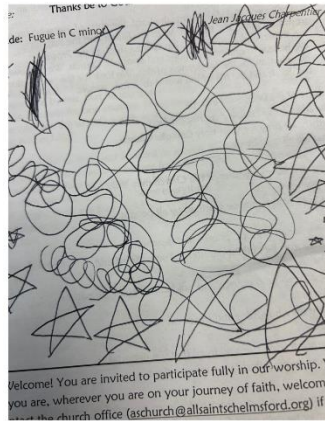
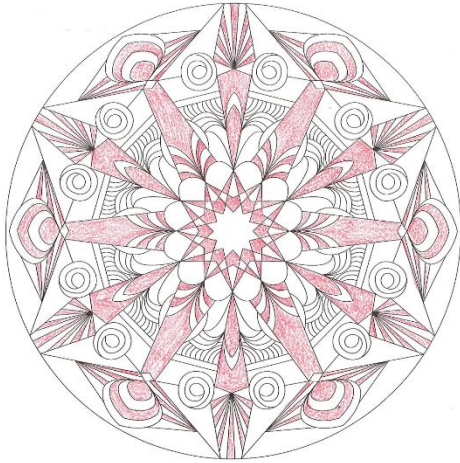
*People:*       **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude:** Voluntary in G

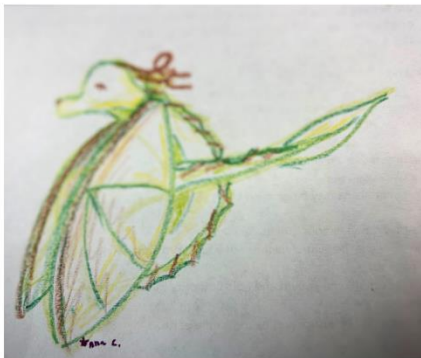
*Henry Heron*

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome! Please contact the church office ([aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org](mailto:aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org)) if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin..



Happy Easter



Hymn: "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Blue Hymnal 492



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - le - hem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Hymn: "God is Love; let heaven adore him"

Blue Hymnal 379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - sanc - ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Hymn: "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

Blue Hymnal 292



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.