



THE PARISH CHURCH  
— AT HABERSHAM —

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Sunday, May 14, 2023  
*10:30 am*



# Liturgy of the Word

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn:

My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death  
And praise Thee as long as thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

## The Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*The Celebrant prays:*

## The Collect for Purity

### The Summary of the Law

Gloria:

*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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

### First Reading: Acts 17:22-34

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man

every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,<sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,<sup>28</sup> for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,  
“For we are indeed his offspring.’”

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”<sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst.<sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Reader:       The Word of the Lord.  
*People:       Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 148**    *(Please read the psalm responsively by half verse)*

Praise the Lord!

***Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!***

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
***praise him, all his hosts!***

- <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon,  
***praise him, all you shining stars!***
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,  
***and you waters above the heavens!***
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
***For he commanded and they were created.***
- <sup>6</sup> And he established them forever and ever;  
***he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.***
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
***you great sea creatures and all deeps,***
- <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist,  
***stormy wind fulfilling his word!***
- <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
***fruit trees and all cedars!***
- <sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock,  
***creeping things and flying birds!***
- <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
***princes and all rulers of the earth!***
- <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together,  
***old men and children!***
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
***for his name alone is exalted;***  
***his majesty is above earth and heaven.***
- <sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
***praise for all his saints,***  
***for the people of Israel who are near to him.***
- Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit\*

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

## New Testament: 1 Peter 2:1-12

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—  
<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and

A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn:** Before The Throne of God Above

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

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

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Gospel: John 14:1-14**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski

## The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

*After each intercession, prayers from the congregation are invited.*

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### The Confession of Sin

*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.*

### The Absolution of Sin

### The Comfortable Words

## The Peace (*standing*)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And with your spirit.*

### Offertory:

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
*The Son, he feels forsaken*  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was *His love* that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

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

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

## The Sanctus

*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.*

## The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People: Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## The Invitation

## The Ministration of Communion

Communion Hymn:

Come to the River

Come to the water, all who are thirsty

Come and drink

Come to the table, all who are hungry

Come and feast

Those who are weary, those who are needy

Come receive!

Come to the river, come to the river

Taste and see!

Pre-Chorus:

Oh, oh my soul thirst for You

You alone

Oh, oh my soul thirst for You

You alone

Chorus:

So we will taste and see You are good

We will taste and see You are good

We will taste and see You are good

Good to us

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## The Post Communion Prayer

*Heavenly Father, 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 the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Blessing

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day or the night;  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son, Thou in me  
dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, heaven's bright Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

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

## Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

- If you have any prayer requests or questions about the Christian faith, our Pastor, Jamie Sosnowski, is available at 843-817-5667 or at [parishchurchathersham@gmail.com](mailto:parishchurchathersham@gmail.com).
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