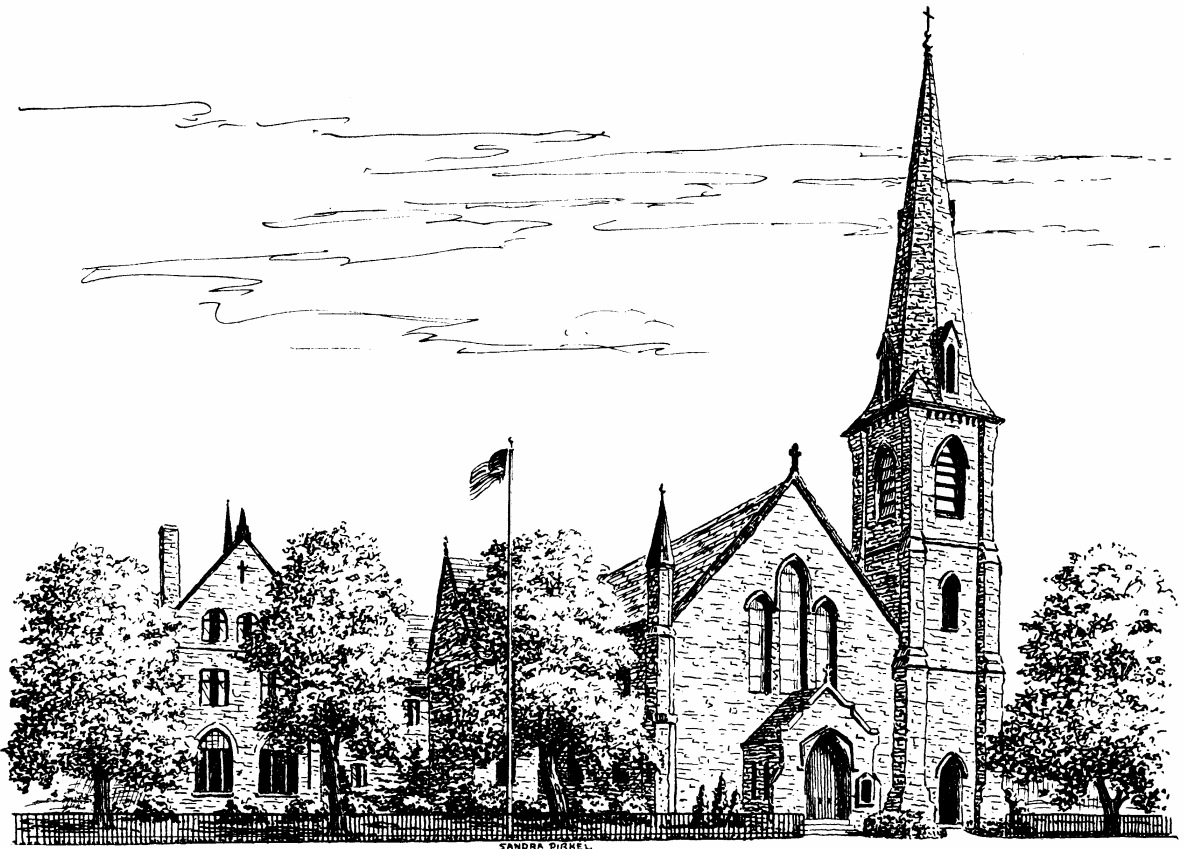


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# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2008

**Organ**—Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

Johannes Brahms

**Introit**—Vocem jucunditatis

Mode 3

Announce the good news with a joyful shout, and let it be heard, alleluia; proclaim the tidings to the ends of the earth: the Lord has delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Be joyful in God, all you lands: sing the glory of his Name, sing the glory of his praise. (*Psalms 66*)

## Opening Acclamation



☩ Al- le- lu- ia! Christ is ris- en.



☩ The Lord is ris- en in- deed, al- le- lu- ia.

**Gloria**—Gloria in excelsis in D Minor

James McGregor

After Joseph D'Houdimont

*Organ*

*Voices*



Glo- ry to God in the



high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on— earth.



Lord God, hea- ven- ly King, al-



migh- ty God and Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the



Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;  
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re-  
 ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the  
 Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone  
 are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.  
 A— men.

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**—Acts 17: 22–31

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 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.”

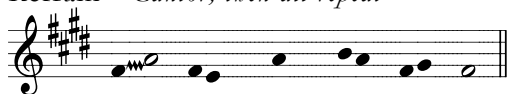
*Reader*       The Word of the Lord.

*People*       Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**—Psalm 66: 7-18

Arranged by Bruce Ford

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



God holds our souls in life.

Bless 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.

*All repeat the Refrain.*

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.

*All repeat the Refrain.*

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.

*All repeat the Refrain.*

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.

*All repeat the Refrain.*

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.

*All repeat the Refrain.*

**Second Reading**—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 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

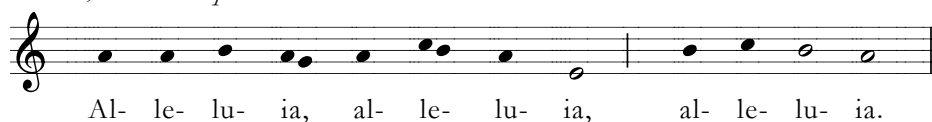
*A brief period of silence is observed.*

### Sequence Hymn 455

#### Alleluia

Mode 1

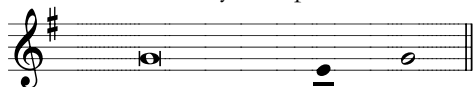
*Cantor, then all repeat*



✠ I will not leave you desolate; I go; but I shall come to you, and your hearts will be joyful. (*John 14*) *All repeat Alleluia*

#### Holy Gospel— John 14:15-21

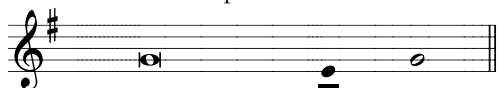
*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “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.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.



*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Homily

Father Holland

#### Nicene Creed—Hymnal, inside back cover

**Prayers of the People—Rogation Day**

Accept, O Lord, our petitions in this new season and our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*



Lord, have mer- cy.

For Katharine our presiding Bishop, for Mark our own bishop, for all our bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially George our President, Jon our Governor, and Cory our Mayor that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, we pray to you, O Lord.

For your blessings upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation for those present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.



To you, O Lord our God.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, whom we may know and make known; and through whom, at all times and in all places, we may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

### Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* 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.*

*The Celebrant says*

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

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

*People* And also with you.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Antiphon—Benedicite gentes

Mode 1

Bless the Lord our God, all you peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holds our souls in life and will not allow our feet to slip. Blessed be the Lord, for he has not rejected my prayer nor withheld his love from me. (*Psalm 66*)

### Anthem— When Israel came out of Egypt

James McGregor

(*Psalm 114—for text see page 756, Book of Common Prayer*)

### Hymn 488

#### Eucharistic Prayer A

*Sanctus* arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens



∇. The Lord be with you. R. And al- so with you. ∇. Lift up your

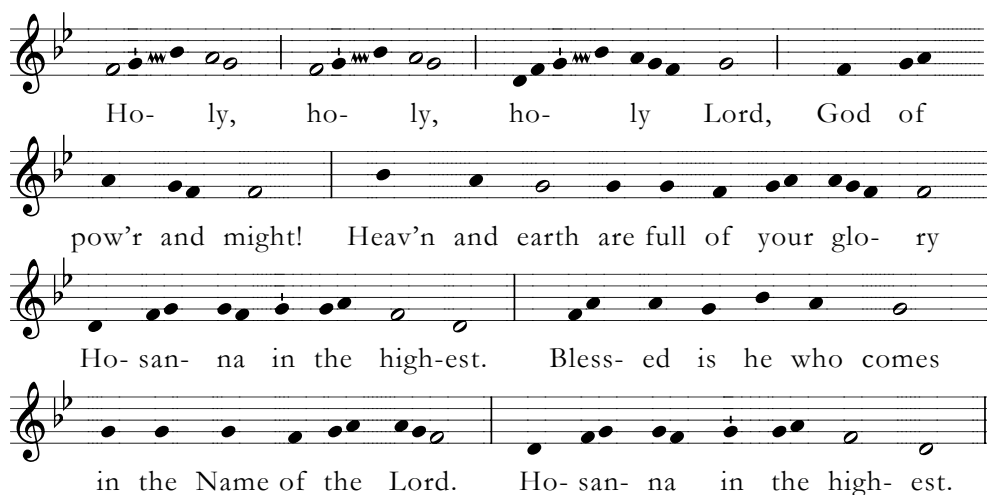


hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord. ∇. Let us give thanks to



the Lord our God. R. 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 was 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:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of  
 pow'r and might! Heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry  
 Ho- san- na in the high-est. Bless- ed is he who comes  
 in the Name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

*The people remain standing. 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. 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 ris- en. Christ will come a- gain.

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.*

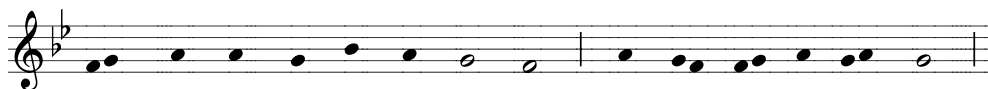
### Lord's Prayer

*The Celebrant begins*



And now as our Sa-vior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All continue*



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,



thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in



hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-



pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us. And lead us



not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil. For thine is the



king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A- men.

### Breaking of the Bread



℣. Al- le- lu- ia. Christ our Pass- o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us



℟. There- fore let us keep the feast. Al- le- lu- ia.

**Agnus Dei**—*Missa cum jublio*

Maurice Duruflé

### Holy Communion

*This is an open altar and all who are baptized and desire to receive the Body and Blood of Christ are invited to do so. If you have difficulty with steps, there is a hand rail on the far side of the pulpit to assist you or you may inform an usher and communion will be brought to you at your seat. Please move toward the aisle to receive.*

**Communion Antiphon**—*Spiritus Sanctus docebit vos* Mode 8  
The Holy Spirit will call to mind, alleluia, all that I have told you, alleluia,  
alleluia. (*John 15*)

**Anthem**—*Jubilate Deo* in B-flat Charles Stanford  
(*For text see p. 45 of the Book of Common Prayer*)

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have restored us to eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ your Son: mercifully grant that this Paschal sacrament, which you have given to us as spiritual food, may fill our hearts with love and strengthen us for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Easter Seasonal Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the waters of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Paschal Dismissal**

∿ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.



℞ Thanks be to God, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

**Hymn 344**

**Organ**—*Offertoire sur la Chant d’O Filii et Filiae* Nicholas LeBegue  
(Based on “O sons and daughters, let us sing!” Hymn 203)