

Holy Baptism

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 5, 2024 (10:30 am)
Celebrants – The Rev. Elisa Harres

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary

Hornpipe in D

John S. Dixon

Opening Hymn 410

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Acclamation (*also on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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 First Reading – Acts 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.

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

Psalm 98 (*said responsively by half verse*)

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

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.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: 1 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

Children's Chapel (10:30) *Children through second grade are invited to an adult-led worship specifically for children in the Creation Chapel. They will return in time to share the Peace and Holy Communion.*

Gospel **John 15:9-17**

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

People **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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon, The Rev. Elisa Harres

Presentation & Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents **I present N to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

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

Parents & Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant:

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.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us stand and join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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.

Prayers for the Candidate *(also on page 305 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
(The People respond after each petition, Lord, hear our prayer.)

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Leader Open their heart to your grace and truth.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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 him thanks and praise.**

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 have come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these, your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.***

When the candidate has been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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 Exchange of the Peace of Jesus Christ

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you!**

Please greet one another with the peace of Jesus Christ



Liturgy for Leave Taking

Fr. Tom:

The Rev. Elisa P. Harres has served this parish as its Associate Rector since 2008. Today, she will retire from full-time ministry and take leave of her ministry at St. Peter & St. Paul. Today we celebrate God's gifts to us through Mother Elisa, and we pray for her and for ourselves in the days ahead.

Fr. Tom (to Mtr. Elisa):

Elisa, you have served this parish as a priest for more than fifteen years, bringing the word of God to the people in your preaching and teaching, bringing the truth of God to the people in your leadership and counsel, bringing the grace of God to the people in your compassionate pastoral care and service. Your faithfulness has helped to form and shape this community as we seek to follow Jesus faithfully.

Do you believe that God called you here in 2008?

Mtr. Elisa: Yes, I believe that God called me here, and I have seen The Holy Spirit at work in this parish during this time.

Fr. Tom: Is it your discernment that God has called you to retire from this ministry?

Mtr. Elisa: Yes, I believe that God has called me to retire, and that he will provide for me and the parish in the next chapters of our lives.

Fr. Tom: Has God equipped the ministries that you have led to continue with faithfulness and fruitfulness in the days ahead?

Mtr. Elisa: God has provided faithful and godly leaders and gifted ministers among the laity to bring his grace to others and help these ministries thrive.

Fr. Tom: Will you always remember us in this next chapter of your life and ministry?

Mtr. Elisa: This community is part of who I am, and I will carry your blessings with me, and share them beyond this parish.

Fr Tom (to the congregation): Has Mother Elisa blessed you in her ministry?

Congregation: By God's grace, she has!

Fr Tom: Will you be good stewards of these gifts God has given you through Mother Elisa?

Congregation: By God's grace, we will.

Fr Tom: Will you likewise bless me and future clergy who will serve you, open your hearts to their ministry, and share God's grace with them and with each other?

Congregation: By God's grace, we will!

Fr Tom (to Mtr. Elisa): Elisa, on behalf of the staff, vestry and people of this parish, I release you from your service here, and I commission you forward into the next chapter of your life and ministry. Remember the blessings God has given you here, and look forward to the new blessings God has in store for you in the future.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
May the Lord lift the light of his countenance upon you and give to you his peace,
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **AMEN.**

Fr Tom: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Fr Tom: Let us pray

Mtr. Elisa: God, you called me to this place and blessed me with a deep love for your people. Comfort me as I go forth from this place. Open my eyes to see new possibilities before me. Let me never lose sight of the blessings you gave me here. Amen.

People: Almighty God, you called us to this place and blessed us with a deep love for our clergy and leaders. Comfort us as we send Elisa from this place. Open our eyes to see new possibilities before us. Let us never lose sight of the blessings you continue to give us here. Amen.

Fr. Tom:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Music

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Howard Goodall

Presentation Hymn

Doxology (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B (also on page 367 of the Book of Common Prayer)

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

Ho - ly. ho - ly. ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing (as you are able).

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The people join in concluding: AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

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



Setting: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (b.1933)

Cantor The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. (**Antiphon**)

Cantor One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. (**Antiphon**)

The Communion

All are welcome at the table either to receive the blessing of the church if you are not baptized (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest), or to share in communion with Christ and his church if you are a baptized Christian of any age or any denomination. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like prayer for yourself or others, come to the side altar where trained intercessors will pray for you.

Communion Hymn (*please join in singing these with the choir*)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (presented by the Children's Choir)

593 **Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace**

344 **Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

Eucharistic Visitor Blessing (*We send the sacrament to those who are infirm and cannot attend.*)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. Go with the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us in this place, bringing refreshment to those who are weary, and all for God's glory in the Communion of Saints. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer (*also in the Book of Common Prayer, page 366*)

Almighty and everliving God, 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 to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Lord, for the years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guid - ed,
2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
3 Lord, for our land, in this our gen - e - ra - tion,
4 Lord, for our world; when we dis - own and doubt you,
5 Lord, for our - selves; in liv - ing pow'r re - make us -

1 urged and in - spired us, cheered us on our way,
2 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls a - blaze,
3 spi - rits op - pressed by plea - sure, wealth and care;
4 love - less in strength, and com - fort - less in pain,
5 self on the cross, and Christ up - on the throne.

1 sought us and saved us, par - don'd and pro - vi - ded,
2 teach - es and trains, re - bukes us and in - spires us:
3 for young and old, for com - mon - wealth and na - tion,
4 hun - gry and help - less, lost in - deed with - out you:
5 past put be - hind us, for the fu - ture take us,

1 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to - day.
2 Lord of the word, re - ceive your peo - ple's praise.
3 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
5 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ a - lone.

Words: *Lord of the years*, Timothy Dudley-Smith
Music: Michael Baughen arr. David Iliff

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

You Shall Go Out with Joy!

Douglas E. Wagner

Thank you for worshiping with us!

Please join us in the parish hall after worship for refreshments and fellowship.



Events & Announcements for the Week of May 5th

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in:

2024 Graduation Announcements - We would like to mention our St. Peter & St. Paul graduates in our bulletin on May 19th. Please let us know if you or a loved one is graduating from High School, College, Military, or Vocational Schools. This is the last week to sign your grad up! Registrations must be in by Monday, May 13th. Visit: <https://bit.ly/spsgrad24>

Elevator Lift - We are pleased to announce that our lift elevator is now fully operational. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Worship of God

Sanctuary Organ Replacement - While our current organ has served us well - parts, technology, and technicians are no longer easily available (if at all) for that unit to support our worship experience when it fails.

We have spent \$22,000 over the last two years to keep this unit running and are at risk of regular operation. It is now time to replace the electronic portion of the organ, so we are raising funds to purchase a fine instrument that will serve us for decades to come. Every contribution helps!
Go to: www.peterandpaul.org/organ to read more.

Tuesday Prayer in the Sanctuary - Join us every Tuesday at 2pm as we pray for the needs and concerns of our Parish. We will meet in the north side altar of the sanctuary. Please contact Camie Schade if you have any questions.

Morning Prayer - Join us for Morning Prayer every Monday at 7am and stay for a Bible study on the passage of the day. You can join in person in the Garden Room or on Zoom. Contact: Chuck Matheson.

Evening Prayer Sponsored by the Vestry - This Thursday night, May 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Come join Acolytes! Adults, and teens fifth grade and above, are welcome to share in this worship ministry. Contact Angela Ellis or the church office for more details.

Discipleship for All Ages

A Night for Young Families: Food, Friends, & Fellowship - Save the date for this wonderful event on May 10th, 2024 - A gathering for all young families to join together for fellowship and fun. Dinner and childcare will be provided. RSVP @ <https://bit.ly/spspdinner2024>. Call or email (cschade@peterandpaul.org) Camie with any questions.

Serving Christ in the World

Children's Ministry appreciates how The Brotherhood of St Andrew has shared their gifts and talents with us. Their giving has been a ministry of His grace. Thank you for all you have done to keep the playground safe and usable for our children. *Camie Schade and the Children's Ministry team.*

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