

The Holy Eucharist

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Easter / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Presider: The Rev. Craig Vocelka

Livestream Producers: Guy Fulton

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Musician: Joann Richardson

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and is livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/>. For those worshipping in person, we encourage the use of facemasks and respect for others in our efforts to have people remain as healthy as possible.

Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as to show our respect for our musicians.

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Klallam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"Morning has broken"

Hymnal 8

1. Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for the, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation, of the new day!

Salutation

The Presider says to the people

Alleluia. Christ is Risen

The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Presider

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect for the Day

Presider Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Presider 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.**

Transition Prayer for St. Antony's and the Diocese

Said by all

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

**As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.**

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

The 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.'

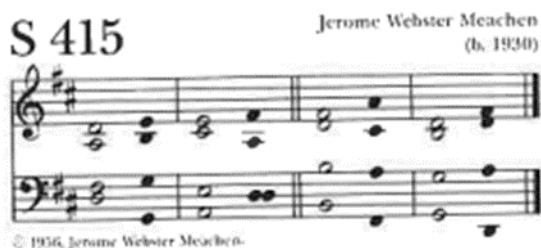
Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18 *chanted*

Jubilate Deo



7 Bless our God, you/ peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be/ heard;

- 8 Who holds our souls in/ life, *
and will not allow our feet to/ slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have/ proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is/ tried.
- 10 You brought us into the/ snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our/ backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and/ water; *
but you brought us out into a place of re/freshment.
- 12 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.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of/ rams; *
I will give you oxen and/ goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear/ God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for/ me.
- 15 I called out to him with my/ mouth, *
and his praise was on my/ tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my/ heart, *
the Lord would not have/ heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has/ heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my/ prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my/ prayer, *
nor withheld his love from/ me.

The 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

Thanks be to God.

1. Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.
3. Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;
as members of his Body joined we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s Name;
our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

The Gospel Reading – John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, “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 – The Rev. Craig Vocelka

The Nicene Creed (said together, standing as you are able.)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Leader I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

**People O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings;
steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant
perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who
are deployed, especially *James Rohling, Travis Sanger, Nicole Steller and Devon Williamson* through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Ukraine and Russia

**Dear God, we ask that you be with the people of war-ravaged Ukraine. Give them physical and spiritual
strength to withstand the horrors of war; console them in their misery, distress and losses; sustain
them in their hope for peace. We ask that you also be with their brothers and sisters in neighboring
Russia. Please open their eyes and hearts to the reality of the war and give to all people in both
countries the desire to know the Truth that will set them free, and the courage and strength to pursue
that Truth. We thank you for all the citizens of the world who value and pursue peace, and we ask that
those who made the ultimate sacrifice in this war will not have died in vain. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People from "Intercessions for the Christian People"

Deacon or other leader

Let us now demonstrate the hope that fills our hearts by turning to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all ministers of the gospel that they may preach the word boldly and without
apology.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all leaders of nations, that they may be unrelenting in their quest for peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the suffering peoples of this world, especially those who suffer for doing right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those among us who experience desolation, especially those for whom God seems most remote.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the sick and the dying, that they may find life.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, the newly baptized, that they may never cease to praise you for the hope that fills their hearts.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider concludes

Gracious God, it is in the power of your abundant and life-giving Spirit that we call upon you in prayer. Deepen our hope in your presence and your promise; hear us in your tender love, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.

Music Offering

Joann Richardson

The Doxology is sung

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3 From *Enriching our Worship*

Please stand as you are able

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Presider

continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Antony and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God’s gift to all.

We are serving the cup individually. After receiving the bread, the body of Christ, if you like, please take a cup from the tray and then the Eucharistic Minister will serve you the wine, the blood of Christ. Please leave your cup at the baptismal font so we can properly dispose of them.

If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available. Just ask as you approach the priest.

If you do not wish to receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing, please approach the priest with your hands crossed over your chest.

We ask that you remember to use the hand sanitizer as you come to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Those who are participating by livestream may say the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

From A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music Joann Richardson

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn***“Alleluia! sing to Jesus”*****Hymnal 460**

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
though cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, “I am with you evermore”?
3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! he is sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of Holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Happy Birthday!

17th Stacey Scalf

17th George Baxter

19th Rich Rogers

Happy Anniversary!

18th Benny & Cheryl Wright

The Altar Flowers are given today by

Flowers arranged by Donna Hilton

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by

Coffee Hour will be hosted by Sarah Rogers and helpers.

Come join us for coffee hour to honor Mother's Day and Fr. Craig's Farewell.

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