

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Processional

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The Collect

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 Lesson

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.

Psalm 98

[S] 415

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 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 there- / in.
- 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.

The Second Lesson

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.

Children’s Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

Gradual Hymn

[H] 577, stanzas 1-2

The Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17

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.”

Sermon Hymn

[H] 577, stanza 3

Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

Offertory Anthem

"O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown"

O Jesus, crowned with all renown,
since thou the earth hast trod,
thou reignest and by thee come down
henceforth the gifts of God.
Thine is the health and thine the wealth
that in our halls abound,
and thine the beauty and the joy
with which the years are crowned.

Lord, in their change, let frost and heat,
and winds and dews be given;
all fostering power, all influence sweet,
breathe from the bounteous heaven.

Attemper fair with gentle air
the sunshine and the rain,
that kindly earth with timely birth
may yield her fruits again:

that we may feed the poor aright,
and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angel's sight,
repay thee of thine own:

That we may praise thee all our days,
and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
the Savior's love proclaim.

Music: English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Words: Edward White Benson(1829-1896), alt.

Communion Hymns

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Processional

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Monday, May 6	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, May 7	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 11:00 Episcopalians 201
Wednesday, May 8	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Thursday, May 9	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 5:30 Grief Support Group
Friday, May 10	8:00 Pre-recorded Morning Prayer
Saturday, May 11	9:00 Daughters of the King 9:00 Spring Clean-Up Day
Sunday, May 12	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Vestry Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cinco de Mayo

Today, we'll celebrate in Jenny and Miles' back yard right after the 10:30 service. We'll enjoy a (hopefully) beautiful spring day with delicious food and fun lawn games. We'll play cornhole and whatever else you can bring. And we'll have all kinds of delicious tacos and snacks - sign up if you'd like to bring something. Plan to bring lawn chairs and whatever you and your family would like to drink (adult or otherwise). Let's celebrate together!

Lawn Care

We started the job in the fall, and now we need your help so we can finish! One of our big projects in the past year is getting our beautiful shrubs and landscaping back into order. We had a fabulous landscaping company come and get started last fall. In order to finish this project, which will add the clearing of both fence lines as well as Campbell and Trinity Gardens, we need to raise another \$2600. It's a lot of money and a lot of work but together we can make these grounds shine. If you can help please drop a check in the offering and mark it "lawn care".

Free Yoga Classes

Come to Limestone Presbyterian Church at 4:00 today for free yoga classes taught by Mimi McCully. Bring your own mat and wear clothes you can move in.

Episcopalians 201

Our final session for this school year will be held Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00. We'll discuss Baptism and Confirmation – what we do, what God does, and why we participate in both.

Grief Support Group

Carnell Wilkins, a counselor with Cherokee County Mental Health, will be leading a grief support group in our parish hall. The group meets at 5:30 on Thursdays and is open to anyone experiencing grief. To learn more or register for the group, talk to Jenny+ today.

Spring Cleaning

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11 at 9am for our annual spring clean-up day! We will be working indoors to organize closets, tidy up the Sunday school rooms, and make the kitchen sparkle. Join us!

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Donations

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THOSE WHO SERVE

	May 5 6 th Easter 10:30	May 12 7 th Easter 10:30
Altar Guild	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	Hope Greene Marty Marett
Coffee Hour	Joette Johnson Ellie Bird	Marty Marett
Greeters	Ed and Jackie Hoffman	Greene Family
Digital Greeter	Morgan Johnson	Cora Torres
Camera	Max Hyde	Asher Torres
Nursery	Carla Winter	Marty Marett
Euch. Min.	Available	Don Bird
Acolyte	Lainey McAllister	Angharad Torres
1 st Lector	Amanda McAllister	Scott Glidden
2 nd Lector	Joette Johnson	John Gelok
Intercessor	Cora Torres	Hope Greene
Flowers	Carla Winter	Available
Counters	Ed Hoffman Ellie Bird	David Cornmesser Ben Torres
Pews	McAllister	Greene