

# MORNING PRAYER

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 9, 2021

Prelude: "Living Waters" by Shane & Shane

Opening Sentence: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***  
**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***  
**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
**Christ has been raised from the dead, \***  
**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
**For as in Adam all die, \***  
**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Psalms 98

- 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 therein.**

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.**

A Reading from 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.

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

Poem: "The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

A Reading from 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.

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

Sequence Hymn: "Here I Am Lord" by Dan Schutte, performed by Téa Jones, and Sierra Kenyon, and Angela Jones

A Reading from 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."

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

Sermon: Julianna Hopper

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
*the Father almighty,*  
*creator of heaven and earth.*  
*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.*  
*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. Amen.*

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

Prayers of the People

Collect for the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Song: "God So Loved" by We the Kingdom

Concluding Prayer and Blessing:

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

***Happy Anniversary to Viki Kaprielian-Luis and Jon Luis (May 2) !!!!!!!!!!!***

***Happy Mother's Day***

***Congratulations to Julianna Hopper, graduating from high school***

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Saturday (5/8)

- Parish Work Day 9:00am-Noon **health screening form required**

### Sunday (5/9): Easter VI / Mother's Day

#### Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer & YOUTH service** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum: Resurrection & Community Food and Garden** (Worship Zoom); 10:15am

### Monday (5/10):

- **Archives & History**; 10:00am
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom): 6:30p
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

### Tuesday (5/11):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Staff Meeting** (Meeting Zoom); 11:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

### Wednesday (5/12):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **In-Person Eucharist** (Church); Noon; **health screening form required**
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

#### Thursday (5/13)

- **Adult Bible Study** (Formation Zoom); 7:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

#### Friday (5/14)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

#### Saturday (5/15)

- **Parish Life** (Fellowship Hall); 9:00am **health screening form required**

#### Sunday (5/16): Easter VII

##### Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum: Resurrection & Intentional Community** (Worship Zoom); 10:15am

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please mask up if you come into any of the buildings  
on the church property!!**

#### Calling on the Parish: Have a **Heart** / Make a **Heart** / Show your **Heart** for our Youth on May 9!!

For the youth service, we're asking all parishioners to make beforehand a paper heart (easy to cut out on a diagonal...google it) and decorate it. It can be as simple as a single word written on the heart (like THANKS or LOVE) or decorated with bright colors, ribbons, whatever you like. It's our "virtual" way of showing the youth our love and support for them as their family in Christ. On May 9, at a certain time just after the zoom Youth Service, Kim will ask everyone to hold up their hearts to the screen. Our hope is that they can look at their screen and see lots of love coming back at them. But it's a **SURPRISE** so don't mention it to any of the youth. The service is on May 9 so make your hearts and come join us!

#### PARISH WORKDAY: Saturday, May 8 from 9:00am-Noon (**health screening form required**)

#### In-Person Eucharist services are now being offered in the Church

We are thrilled to be able to return to the church for some small services including our regular Wednesday Eucharist service at Noon. We will also be having a special Pentecost Service on Sunday, May 23, at 8:00am. (**health screening form required**)

**Faith and Arts** is launching Season III of the St. Matthew's Podcast. This new season features interviews with six artists and creative folk from different mediums and practices in our community. We are exploring the imagination and creative presence among our own community as we continue to quarantine and discussing how each artist's particular faith experience informs and connects to their

artistic work. Listen to Kim interview Holden Richards, Jerry Eidenier, and me (!). Future episodes will include woodworker Domenic Tiani and painter Hunter Taylor.: <https://stmatthewshillsborough.org/podcast/>

### **New Wardens Announced**

**Elizabeth Hays is our new Senior Warden and Blythe Thompson is our Junior Wardens.** The Vestry liaisons assignments will be announced soon.

### **Orange Congregations In Mission**

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. Bring your donated cans to the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. We have received 59 so far this month towards out monthly goal of 175 cans; 116 more needed.

**Forward Day by Day Devotionals** are available for purchase on the table in the Parish House foyer for \$1.00. These booklets, issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs for May, June, and July.

**Faith Connections on Mental Illness; Connectors' Meeting: Monday, May 10th from 3:30 to 4:30 pm with Jane Fruehwirth: ZOOM link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82471673263?pwd=WjVYT3NLNGdsT2YzRkRkSIA1bVhiZz09>

Jane Fruehwirth will discuss some of the social science research evidence on the relationship between religion and adolescent mental health, including her work on religion and adolescent depression. She will also share some recent findings on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on mental health of college students.

Jane is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and an affiliate of UNC's Carolina Population Center. She worked at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Cambridge, prior to coming to UNC. She specializes in the economics of education and social economics. Her research has considered the role school peers play in exacerbating inequality and/or improving student outcomes. She has worked on other questions in education policy, including grade retention, school accountability and the effect of teachers. More recently, she has turned her focus from achievement to tackling questions around mental health in adolescence. She has work studying the effects of religiosity on adolescent depression and more recently considered the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on anxiety and depression symptoms in college students.

### **PRAYER LIST**

**We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family:** Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Tricia & Don Hill, Nell Schrader, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Nancy Harris, Jim von St. Paul, Jean Bartholomew, Joseph Riddick, Mimi Games, and Betty Wolfe.

**And these others for whom our prayers are desired:** Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers,

Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Mary Beth, Karl & Janice Eicher, Knox Efland, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, the family of Chris Knotts, Bill, Chris Graebner, Michael Thompson, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Tony Boss, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi Martin, Joanna Huacani, the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper, Naomi Swainey, and Maggie Malone.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.