

Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:00 am
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: "One bread, one body"

John B. Foley, S.J. (b. 1939); organ setting by Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Opening Hymn: "We're marching to Zion"

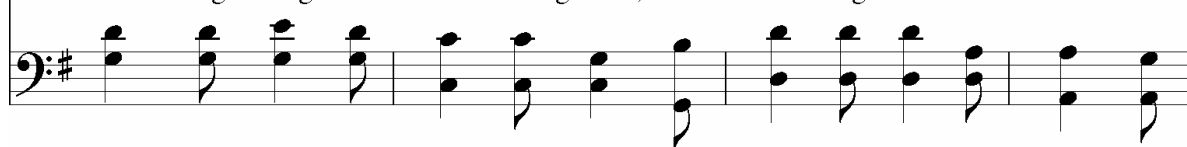
#12 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*



1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But
3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets; Be-
4. Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're



1. in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet ac-
2. children of the heav'n-ly King, But children of the heav'n-ly
3. fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, Be-fore we reach the heav'n-ly
4. march-ing through Im-man-uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's



1. cord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.—
2. King, May speak their joys a-broad, May speak their joys a-broad.—
3. fields, Or walk the gold-en streets, Or walk the gold-en streets.—
4. ground, To fair-er worlds on high, To fair-er worlds on high.—



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful



We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Opening Acclamation
Gloria "Glory to God"

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
2. Lord God, hea - ven - 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.

Collect

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 10:44 – 48

Bible page 1273

Psalm: 98 (choir) “Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song”

Anglican chant by James Turle (1802-1882)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1 – 6

Bible page 1383

Holy Gospel: John 15:9 – 17

Bible page 1254

Sermon

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession & Absolution, The Peace Order of Service Booklet Pp. 5 – 7

Offertory Anthem: (choir) “Down in the river to pray”

Traditional Southern Gospel arranged by David L. Mennicke (b. 1961)

All are invited to join in singing this hymn with the choir.

*As I went down in the river to pray, studyin’ about that good ol’ way
And who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way!
Oh, sisters (fathers/sinners), let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters (fathers/sinners), let’s go down, down in the river to pray.*

*As I went down in the river to pray, studyin’ about that good ol’ way
And who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord, show me the way!
Oh, brothers (mothers/children), let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
Oh, brothers (mothers/children), let’s go down, down in the river to pray.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus: “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Those present come forward to receive communion, released by pew by an usher. There is no requirement to be a member of St. Paul's or Episcopalian to receive communion here. We believe that all are welcome, regardless of tradition or denomination, to be nourished at Christ's table and strengthened to live the faith of their baptism. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign of this.

If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let your usher know. Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered by going through the door to the left of the pulpit. If you would like prayer for any kind of personal need you are welcome to go that area when you come up for communion.

*If one wishes to receive the bread only due to the pandemic, this in no way diminishes the sacrament. It has always been the teaching of the Church that the whole Christ is present to us whether we receive both bread and wine together or only one. **Intinction (dipping bread into the wine) is not allowed.***

*Please take a sip from the common cup to receive. If you are not receiving the wine, cross your arms over your chest in front of the chalice after receiving the bread and acknowledge Christ's presence with us by saying "**Amen**" after the chalice bearer says, "the blood of Christ."*

All remain kneeling as they are able upon returning to their seats after communion.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Those unable to be present who are worshiping with us at a distance may pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn: "Now the green blade riseth"

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1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Communion Hymn: "One bread, one body"

#813 Gather Comprehensive 2

All sing the refrain; the choir will sing the verses

Lee Fisk, guitar

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
we, though man - y, through - out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

D.C.

Closing Hymn: "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Postlude: "Now the green blade riseth"

organ setting by Kristina Langlois (b. 1956)

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Today's Service Leader**Clergy:** The Rev. Dr. Jarred A. Mercer**Music Director:** Mark Meyer**Choir:** John Budzyna, Joyce Cejka, Lee Fisk, Pam Jones, Virginia Meyer, Val Murphy, Jane Niebling, Diane Riley, John Robinson, Ken Swanton.**Lay Eucharist Minister:** Bev Brennan**Lector:** Tom Hussey**Broadcast Team:** Cathleen Porter, Pete Novello**Ushers:** Ruth Healey, John Neale**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Mary Fisk

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Worship Services Sunday 10:00 am Parish Eucharist in person and livestreamed on YouTube for those unable to attend in person at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsChurch-NewburyportMA/live>. Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered at the Sunday Eucharist during communion by going through the door to the left of the pulpit.

Tuesday Eucharist Tuesday at noon; **Morning Prayer** Tuesday – Friday at 8:30am

St. Paul's 101 This is a set of four gatherings spread out over the course of the spring after the Sunday Eucharist aimed at everyone, those who have been here for decades and those who are brand new, and especially for new members seeking to get to know our life and ministry better. We will look deeper into our identity as Christian, Episcopalian, and a local parish community—Who are we? What drives us? How do we live our faith? What are the opportunities to be involved, serve, and develop deep community? **Next session is Sunday, May 5.**

Children's Formation We have our children's formation time during the Sunday Eucharist! Elementary-age children are welcome to join background-checked and experienced Sunday School teachers in the library following the liturgy of the Word. Nursery care is also provided each week during the entirety of the service for babies and toddlers!

Coffee Hour Please sign up for coffee hour! There is a list in the narthex or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FACAB23A AFF2-46871621-winter#/>

Bishop Nominees Meet and Greets – May 7 - 11

All are invited to meet the nominees for our next Bishop – Here is the link to view the schedule: <https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/meet-and-greets-bishop-nominees-are-may-7-11>

Do you like music? Please consider joining our Arts and Culture Team and serve as an usher at our upcoming plays and concerts. Email dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu if you are interested.

Do you enjoy working with children? Please consider joining our Children's Formation Team. Email dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu if you are interested in joining this important ministry.

Among Friends Needs Your Help! Each month we will be asking for a donation of certain items for Among Friends. In May we would like vegetable and canola oil. You can leave your donations in the basket at the front of the church or drop them off in the parish hall during the week. Thanks!

Confirmation. If you are new to Christianity, or come from another Christian tradition and have never been confirmed, get in touch with Fr Jarred to discover how being confirmed can be an important and meaningful step in your faith and life. High schoolers looking to be confirmed will be prepared for confirmation through the youth dinners. A separate confirmation prep will be arranged for middle schoolers. But confirmation is for adults as well, and if you are an adult who has never been baptized and/or confirmed, please talk to Fr Jarred to find out more.

Massachusetts Housing Crisis

The State of Massachusetts is in an official state of emergency regarding refugee housing. You are probably aware of the wonderful work the faith communities in and around Newburyport have been involved in over the past few years, housing and supporting Afghan refugees. There are a couple of small ways that others can contribute to this ongoing work of love and welcome. First, there is now another small Afghan family of three that has arrived in Newburyport that is currently in a hotel and needs permanent accommodation. Do you have or know of someone who has the space? Or someone who might be able to help locate space? Anything as small as a studio apartment could suffice. Second, not only are Massachusetts shelters and hotels full, but there are currently around 230

people living at Boston Logan airport as they have nowhere to go. They are in desperate need of immediate help. Can you offer some space, even a spare bedroom, for one night or more? A place to shower and get some rest—and a sense of humanity—can go a long way as people transition to other places throughout the state. If you can help even in the smallest way, please see this link: <https://data.quickbase.com/db/btvcysavc?a=nwr>. You can contact Father Jarred Mercer at St. Paul's Episcopal Church if you have questions: rector@stpaulsnewburyport.org.

Afghan Families Update Our second family successfully moved to their Amesbury home last Monday! We are so excited for them as they begin to settle in and enjoy their new residence. Despite their new Amesbury location, our support is still needed to assist with on-going transportation needs. Amina and Gulalai attend the Women's Group every Monday morning at St. Paul's from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They also actively participate in the Afghan Women's Workshop (AWW) Wednesday mornings building on their craft skills while learning small business practices. Their sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact Annie Winslow, at ahtoffey@yahoo.com or 508-733-0651, if you can provide transportation to/from either of these events, or possibly serve as a 'on-call' driver which would be a great help! We are also looking for volunteers to help with driving four of the younger children from Amesbury to Newburyport each day for school (through the end of the year) and to help with driving to sports games and practices (especially on the weekend). If you are able to help please contact Deirdre Budzyna at dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu or (978) 457-1423. Thank You!

SSJE Workshops and Retreats The Brothers at the monastery in Cambridge are offering several workshops and retreats this fall. Check out the schedule at <https://www.ssje.org/programs/>

Upcoming Events

May 3-5: *THE STANDS*, a new play by Jack Neary, comes to the Firehouse Center for the Arts after a highly successful run at the Players' Ring in Portsmouth! Winner of four New Hampshire Theatre Awards, including Outstanding Professional Production, *THE STANDS* is fast-moving, funny, suspenseful, high octane theatre featuring six of the region's best and most sought-after actors—Ashley Risteen, Jocelyn Duford, Kate Gilbert, Tara Johns, Trish Aponte and Dave Sullivan. Directed by the playwright, *THE STANDS*, co-produced by Acting Out and the Players' Ring, is a stunning, sometimes shocking theatrical experience.

SPECIAL opening night 2 for 1 tickets! Use promo code AWARDS for Fri 5/3 only.

Ticket link: <https://firehouse.org/event/the-stands/>

Newburyport Choral Society Spring Concert: Resilience and Hope

Please join us on Saturday May 4th at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, May 5th at 4:00 p.m. at Pentucket Regional High School's new auditorium in West Newbury for an inspiring concert of some of the most passionate choral music ever written. The performance features Maurice Duruflé's glorious and ethereal *Requiem*, and music of 20th and 21st Century female composers, and will be accompanied by an 18-piece orchestra, strings, trumpets, timpani, harp, piano and organ.

For details and tickets, go to tickets.chorusconnection.com/nbptcs/events/1008)

Organ Recital by Andrew Scanlon

featuring works by Leighton, Böhm and J. S. Bach, Sunday, May 5th at 4:30 p.m.

The Parish of Christ Church, 33 Central Street, Andover, Massachusetts

Choral Evensong to follow recital at 5:00 p.m. featuring the Parish Choir and Choristers of Christ Church Andover Evening Canticles by Sir Alfred Herbert Brewer; Anthems by Marie Stultz, Gabriel Fauré and Benjamin Britten
Barbara Bruns, director

Free will offering at the door. A reception follows the service.

Visit the parish website: www.christchurchandover.org for concert LIVE stream on YouTube

"love is love is love"

What *is* love? Artistic Director Jason Iannuzzi directs the Cantemus Chamber Chorus in a program of "songs of love" in all its forms: Love among friends, Romantic love, Love between parent and child, and Love for all humankind. From a new arrangement of "The Parting Glass"... to Leonard Bernstein's "To What You Said" ... to Linthicum-Blackhorse's arrangement of the Lakota lullaby "Chante Waste Hoksila (My Kind-hearted Boy)" ... to Joan Szymko's rousing "It Takes a Village"... plus some P.D.Q. Bach to really brighten and lighten things up! What the world needs now *is* love — and this concert is filled with it!

For tickets: www.cantemus.org/concerts/tickets

Saturday, May 11, St Peter's Church, Beverly

Sunday, May 12, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Cycle of Prayer Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the *Churches of the Concord River Deanery*; Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton; St. Andrew's Church, Ayer; Trinity Church, Concord; St. Andrew's Church, Framingham; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, and in the *local cycle of prayer*: Hope Community Church, Newburyport

Prayer List

Allison Flynn
Eve Steinberg
Debby Demopoulos
Marya Toffey
Talia Duff
Stephen Jones
Betty Moberger
Tony Broer
Joanne Norris
Karen
Theresa Winslow
Karen Greene
Marie Buckman
Lois Schofield
Laura Hobbs
Jeanne Rainoldi
Richelle Stephens
Kristin Corning
Nancy Burkholder
Jori Guldenstern
The Rev. Connie Reinhardt
Tim Coco
Barbara Barnes
Corey
Karen Staffeld
George Partaledis
Jane Robinson
Peggy Dunlap
Paul Lucas
Karen Caplan
Jane Ellis
Cara O'Reilly McCabe
Rachel Perry

David Yates
Jess & family
Katie, Brian & family
Frances & John Fleming
Jake
Lindsey Leitko
Anita & Diana
Sue Wilcox
Priscilla Janvrin
Paul Mendez
Chet Brown
Paul Thiefels
Lisa Ransom
Susan S.
Mark B.
Linda T.
Abby Reese
Sue Skinner-Kidd
Rose O'Neill
Marilyn Sell
Ruth Pinkham Haring/Family
Barbara Porter
Sondell Ayala
Susan Russell
Tracy Broderick
Gail Bishop-Davis
The Kilty Family
Nancy Jean
Mary Ann
Ellen
Douglas C.
Andrea McAnulty
Liz Filipanc
Cecile Novelle

Herb Skelly
Wendy H.
Tom Bentley
Nicole Miller
Andrew & Friends
Drew Daubach
Joyce Ketcham
Diane Riley
Ron K.
Marsaya
Sonny D.
Richard Blake
Jean de Jong
Bill
Andrew
Chris
Kathy Molhan
Kevin, Danielle, & Family
Alice & Family
Helen Robb & Family
Zong Family
Katherine & Finn McCurley
Maya
Ben Parisi
Brown Reinhardt
Ginny Abby
Charlie
Gail Gadd
Shirley Condella
Carol Sullivan
Ana Lynch
Dick Coraine
Walter Hardy
Luz Medina

St. Paul's Vestry 2024

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Alison Novello, Emily Russin

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