

"Be the Sermon Sunday"

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Processional Hymn

"Earth and all stars"

Join us as we sing verses 1-4.



The people standing, the Celebrant says

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect Of The Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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 Lesson

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.

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

Psalm 98

- 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 Lesson

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Easter Gospel Acclamation

The Easter Alleluia Acclamation is led by the Cantor.



The Holy Gospel

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:9-17)PeopleGlory 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."

People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.
Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; for Greg, our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers and for those needs are known to you *alone*, *including*...

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, *including*... We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name forever and ever.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including ...

We give thanks for this food we are preparing for our sisters and brothers. Through your grace, we ask that all your children might be filled with their daily bread. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you**.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness, cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Offerings are received with gratitude in the offering plate, by texting "GIVETOSTPAT" to 73256, on our website at <u>www.stpatricksmooresville.org/donate</u>, or by scanning the QR code found on the back of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts: Doxology

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give him thanks and praise.CelebrantIt is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

And may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Communion Hymn**



Communion Hymn





The Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Here Lay Eucharistic Visitors may be sent forth by the Congregation.

- *Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I 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.
- *People* We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Congregation of St. Patrick's

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

In memory of Joanna Page by David Page

Welcome to Our Newcomers

We are happy to have you with us. This service is part of our ongoing life of worship, learning and service. We are here to deepen our relationship with God and with one another, and to explore how to live our lives more fully and compassionately. If you haven't already done so, take a minute to visit our Welcome Center where you can pick up information about our church and sign up to receive our weekly email updates. Should you wish to become a member, we invite you to contact our parish office (parishadmin@stpatricksmooresville.org or 704-663-5659).

Receiving Communion: In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to participate in the Holy Eucharist. If you choose not to receive communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come to the clergy with arms crossing your chest. Whatever your choices, God's grace knows no bounds.

Lay Minister of Healing: During our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, we offer healing prayer with a trained lay minister. This person is available to provide additional confidential prayer support for the congregation. If you would like to take advantage of this ministry, you can find the Lay Minister of Healing on the right side of the Sanctuary during communion, wearing a white alb and red cincture.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: This group of volunteers provides an invaluable ministry to members of the congregation. Our team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors has been called and trained to bring the consecrated bread and wine to those who are unable to attend church. If you are sick, shut in, or unable to attend service currently, one of our Eucharistic Visitors can come to your location immediately after church, or at another scheduled time. If you would like a Lay Eucharistic Visit please contact Brent Brower at 704-617-0128 or <u>abrentbrower@gmail.com</u>.

Serving Our Community this Morning

Crucifer: Quentin Bondurant; Book Bearer/Chalice Bearer: Doug Schultz; Chalice Bearer: Kat Sykes; Torches/Intincture Chalice: Jon Ramsey, Stephanie Tucker; 1st Lesson: Amanda Chapman; Psalm: Pat Patterson; 2nd Lesson: Jim Hadden; Prayers of the People: Jon Ramsey; Lay Minister of Healing: Michelle Stowe; Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Judy & Dan Freeman; Welcome Center: Cassie & Ray Stone; Ushers: Brent Garvin, Bill McCoy; Assisting Clergy: Rev. Dan Freeman; VPOD: Cathy Hadden

Please continue to pray for those listed below

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -Romans 12:12

At St. Patrick's we believe strongly in the power of prayer. The names listed below belong to family members, friends, parishioners, and members of our community who have asked that we pray for them as they go through a variety of challenges long term. If you would like to submit a prayer request, please contact Rick Krumel at <u>rkrumel@roadrunner.com</u>.

Mary	Ann
Carl	Mary Beth
Jenn	Tom and Evelyn
Demetrios	Ned and Beth
Aiden	Jane and Roger
Jim	Thomas
Taylor	Phyllis
Nic	Dara
Steve	Dale
Jay	Jane
Nina and Jack	Gaye
Christopher	Grant and Maureen
David	Bob and Karalee
Tom and Shelly	Dorothy
John and Cynthia	Gloria
Ben and family	

Announcements

Stay Connected! In addition to updating weekly announcements in the bulletin, we also send out email communications twice weekly. To receive emails from us, please subscribe via our website, <u>www.stpatricksmooresville.org</u>.

Be the Sermon Sunday is today! We are partnering with *Rise Against Hunger* to package meals to be shipped overseas to feed people who are experiencing food insecurity. There will be a short Eucharist with no sermon, after which we will all stay and *Be the Sermon* by packing 10,000 meals. This is a project that ensures that everyone has the opportunity to be involved, regardless of age or physical ability. Youth and children are strongly encouraged to participate!

"Did you know?"—A new informational series in our weekly communications:

Did you know that St. Patrick's has a group of volunteers who provide transportation for parishioners who need assistance getting to appointments and other events? The main point of contact for this ministry is Jim Hadden.

Our normal schedule resumes this week! Morning Prayer will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday in the Sanctuary. Holy Eucharist Rite I is Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome!

The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of NC, to visit on Sunday, May 19: Be sure to join us at the 10:30 a.m. service as we celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The loose plate offering will be designated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Do you have a hankering for some BBQ? The St. Patrick's HOLY SMOKERS still have (frozen) BBQ Pork available! It's for sale every Sunday for \$10/lb. Find, or contact, Doug Schultz, Rob Dyess, or the two Charlies (Patterson and Wollbrinck). They will be happy to load you up!

Preschool Corner: April was full of so much excitement! We hosted our 2nd Annual Art Show; celebrated birthdays; had a visit from Mooresville Public Library's Ms. Crystal; and created art in celebration of Earth Day using recycled materials. We also started a new partnership with Mini-Athletics, a group that focuses on gross motor movement and coordination in preschoolers through themed play. As we look ahead to May, we will be celebrating Mother's Day and preparing for our rising kindergarteners to graduate! For more information about our program or to check registration availability, please contact Jessie Perkins, Director, at jperkins@stpatricksmooresville.org.

This Week at St. Patrick's

Preschool meets Monday - Friday at 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 5		
10:30 a.m.	Be the Sermon Sunday with Rise Against Hunger	Sanctuary/Livestream
7:00 p.m.	Adult Formation: "The 4th Gospel"	Zoom
Tuesday, May 7		
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Classes	Hybrid
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	EFM Class	Library
Wednesday, May 8		
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Appetizers Book Club	Mooresville Family House
Thursday, May 9		
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Chicks with Sticks/Needleworkers	Library
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Rector's Study
Friday, May 10		
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 12		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Sanctuary
9:15 a.m.	Adult Formation	Library
9:15 a.m.	CYF Formation	Youth Room
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Sanctuary/Livestream
7:00 p.m.	Adult Formation: "The 4th Gospel"	Zoom



Our Mission

To cultivate a thriving community that follows the ways of Jesus and spreads the love of God.



Our Vision

A welcoming, inclusive, and vibrant congregation of all ages, joyfully giving and receiving God's love and grace.

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