The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

Vision Statement
To be a welcoming, inclusive Christian community growing in faith through worship, prayer, study, and social action.

Our Mission Priority
Our mission priorities focus on seeking justice for people experiencing hunger, poverty, homelessness, and incarceration, as well as ending systemic inequalities of race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
3646 Coldwater Canyon Avenue
Studio City, California 91604
Holy Eucharist
The Book of Common Prayer Worship for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

Prelude

Aria
Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Celebrant
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant
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.

All
Amen.

Hymn 292

1 O Jesus, crowned with all renown, since thou the earth hast trod, thou reignest and by thee come down hence given; all fostering power, all influence sweet, breathe forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and from the bounteous heaven. Temper fair with pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee thine the wealth that in our halls abound, and gentle air the sunshine and the rain, that all our days, and with the Father's Name, and thine the beauty and the joy with which the years are crowned, kind-ly earth with time-ly birth may yield her fruits again: with the Holy Spirit's gifts, the Savior's love proclaim.

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Celebrant
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.

People
Amen.
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.

\[\text{Lector}\]

The Word of the Lord.

\[\text{People}\]

Thanks be to God.
Let us pray Psalm 98 together.

1 Sing a new song to God, *  
   who has done marvelous things.
2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, *  
   you have won for yourself the victory.
3 You have made known your victory; *  
   your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4 You remember your 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 God, all you lands; *  
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6 Sing to God with the harp, *  
   with the harp and the voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn, *  
   shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.
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 God,  
   who will come to judge the earth.
10 God shall judge the world in righteousness *  
   and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Alleluia
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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Daniel Justin

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God’s creation.

Holy, life-giving God, breathe your Holy Spirit upon the people of your church. Lead us to proclaim the good news of Christ’s resurrection, so that all may have life in his name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send rain upon the mountains and sun upon the fields. Bring your creation into bloom in this season, and sustain every living thing with your abundant goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.
Leader  Guide us in ways of faithful stewardship of the resources you graciously give. Establish justice in the economic practices of our homes, communities, and nations. Hear us, O God.

People  Your mercy is great.

Leader  As you have given life to faith communities around the world, bind us to one another in our life together. We offer thanksgiving for the work and ministries of our many outreach partners and especially pray for the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry, the NoHo Home Alliance, and Prism Restorative Justice. Are there any other thanksgivings? Lead us to share our gifts and learn from one another. Hear us, O God.

People  Your mercy is great.

Leader  Draw all who suffer and struggle into loving, faithful communities. Heal those who know pain and loss. We pray for all those in this faith community who have asked for prayer, especially Emmanuel Acasio, Katie Davis, Mila Garcia, Marian, James & Kathleen Quinlan, Delia Valencia, Norma Valencia, Reily Villarruz, Matthew Weatherman, Diane Williams, Nikolay Best and The Wilson Best Family, David, those who have asked for our prayers but prefer to remain anonymous, and those included on our long-term prayer list. Please add those in your own prayers. (pause). Inspire us to care for those in our midst. Hear us, O God.

People  Your mercy is great.

Leader  Giving thanks for the saints whom Christ has freed from the bonds of death and brought into resurrection life, we pray that you make us dead to sin and bring us to new life, we pray for those who have died, especially Annabel Adams, Robert Andrews, Dorothy Dawson, and Ken Wright. Please add those in your own prayers. (pause). Hear us, O God.

People  Your mercy is great.

Leader  Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People  Amen.

Leader  Let us pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

People  Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.
Hymn 190

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Michael, the Angels, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

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

All

O ur 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.

The Fraction

A period of silence is kept, during which the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All

My 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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

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

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People

Amen.

Hymn 492

1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest,
2 Sing how he came forth from heaven, bowed himself to
3 So, he tasted death for mortals, he, of human
4 Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's

sweetest strain, with the praises of your Savior
Bethlehem's cave, stooped to wear the servant's vesture,
kind the head, sinless one, among the sinful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ransomed,

let his house resound again; him let all your
Prince of life, among the dead; thus he wrought the
till the appointed work be done, till he see, re-

music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.
gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.
full redemption, and the captor captive led.
newed and perfect, all things gathered into one.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Magnificat VI: Gloria Patri from Vêpres du commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge, Op.18
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
Long-Term Parish Prayer List

St. Michael’s Parish renews its long-term prayer list every six months. All names not requested to be continued are removed at the end of February and August, and new names posted as we are made known of them. Of course, names may be continued from one period to the next. Contact the office at (818.763.9193) or e-mail (administrator@stmikessc.org) and we will be glad to join our prayers with yours.

Grayson Arroyo
David Bassman
Eugene Borkes
Danielle Boutin
Rhett Dupke & the
Dupke Family
Jacqueline & Ted
Eckberg

Bailey Hain
James Hathaway
Odell Hathaway
David Heil
Martí Heil
Marion Heyn
Lulu Belle Horowitz
Mattie Jones

Suzanne Kuenzig
Teresa Levy
Jared Lipscomb
Lydia Lopez
Linda Lutz
Jibralta Merrill
Niko Messina
Paula Norwood

Sara Olsher
Frank Rushing
Susan Wiggins
Elizabeth
Robert & Brenda
Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

Cover art: The Resurrection, Cecco del Caravaggio (active early 17th century)


Psalm 98 copyright © 2004 by The Order of St. Helena, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.


* Copyrights reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Reprinted under Ritesong.