

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Mark's in the Park

May 21, 2017

Prelude

Processional Hymn

City of God

by Schutte

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.

The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in him there is no darkness.

Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Refrain

*Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Gloria (2x)

Glorv to God

Taizé #25

Canon
♩ = 80

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a. glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

(from the insert)

The Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

(from the insert)

The Psalm

Psalms 66:7-18

(from the insert)

The Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

(from the insert)

I will never forget you, My people, I have carved you on the palm of My hand, I will never forget you, I will not leave you orphaned I will never forget My own,

Does a mother forget her baby? Or a woman the child within her womb? Yet even if these forget, Yes, even if these forget, I will never forget my own

I will never forget you, My people, I have carved you on the palm of My hand, I will never forget you. I will not leave you orphaned, I will never forget My own.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

*(from the insert)***The Sermon**

The Rev. John A. Weatherly

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The **Celebrant** says, “The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.”

Parents and Godparents: “I present Eva Sophia Jung to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.”

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? *Parents and Godparents: “I will, with God’s help.”*

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *Parents and Godparents: “I will, with God’s help.”*

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?”
Answer: “I renounce them.”

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer: “I renounce them.”

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *“I renounce them.”*

Question: Do you turn all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *“I renounce them.”*

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? *“I do.”*

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *“I do.”*

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord” *“I do.”*

Celebrant: (Turning to the Congregation) Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? *People: “We will.”*

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

People: *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.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *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.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water (the Celebrant reads from the BCP)

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Celebrant: "Eva Sophia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever"

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized!

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you!*

The Peace (stand)

Announcements (8:00)

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Blessed Quietness

performed by Eric and Megan Murchie-Beyma

Presentation of Gifts (sung)

Tune: Hymnal #178 (Vs. 1)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Lambeth Prayer

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: This is our God.

People: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant: We are his people.

People: **We are redeemed.**

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised your leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent us your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your Kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have

poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give you thanks that through Christ you have gathered to yourself a Church from every nation under heaven, and your Spirit has led us here to meet in his name and to take counsel for his kingdom. Therefore, with angels and archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we praise your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing.

People:

**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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. On the same night that he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take eat, this is my body which is given to you: Do this in remembrance of me'.

People: **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Celebrant: In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks: he gave it to them saying, '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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

People: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

People: **We have died together.
We will rise together.
We will live together.**

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising Him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

People: **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

People: **The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah.**

The Lord's Prayer and The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, so we pray

People: **Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now
and for ever. Amen.**

All are invited to receive communion.

Fraction Anthem (2x)

Jesus Christ Bread of Life

based on Taizé #143

*Jesus Christ, Risen Lord come to him and you will not hunger
Jesus, Christ, Risen Lord trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymnal p. 335

1. I am the bread of life;
They who come to me shall not hunger.
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father
draw them.

Refrain
And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.
2. The bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eats of this bread,
they shall live forever, they shall live
forever.
Refrain
3. Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of
Man,
and drink of his Blood, you shall not have
life within you
you shall not have life within you.
Refrain
4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life. They who believe in me,
even if they die, they shall live forever.
Refrain
5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
who has come into the world.
Refrain

Prayer after Communion (based on a Navajo prayer)

Jesus Christ, you are our leader,
you are God's only Son,
I have now made your offering.

Today I have become your child.
Today I have become your grandchild

You have answered my prayers.

Watch over me; stand in my defense;
stretch out your hand to defend me;
plead in my defense.

The trees bring Beauty to me.
The herbs and all plants below bring
Beauty to me.

The winds bring Beauty to me.
The passing rain brings Beauty to me.
The passing thunder brings Beauty to me.

Let the dew form around me.
Let the corn pollen form around me.

With Beauty before and with Beauty
behind,
long life and happiness will be mine.

It is finished in Beauty.
It is finished in Beauty.
It is finished in Beauty.
It is finished in Beauty.

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant: All our problems

People: **we send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our difficulties

People: **we send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the devil's works

People: **we send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our hopes

People: **we send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away; To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus: *I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning), When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away; Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away) **Chorus**

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away; To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away) **Chorus**

The Dismissal

Postlude

Variations on *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!* Jean-Francois Dandrieu

We warmly welcome those who worship with us today.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our Parish Hall following the service.

Remember to wear your name tags!