

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
In-person & Zoom Worship
May 5, 2024 ♦ 10:30 am



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont

Our purpose: To grow in God's love and serve Christ in all people

*Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God
in worship, learning and service*

The Holy Eucharist

As we gather for worship, let us recognize and acknowledge that our bodies walk, pray and live in the hills and valleys that have been and continue to be the traditional, ancestral and unceded homeland of the Abenaki people.

The Word of God

Prelude

Resurrection Dance

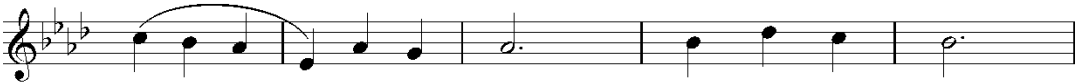
Alan Ridout

Hymn 412

Earth and All Stars



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
<u>3</u>	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
<u>3</u>	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - letc and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
<u>3</u>	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!

Refrain

He hath done mar - vel - ous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis S278

William Mathias

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



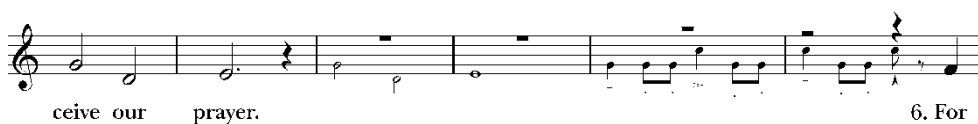
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



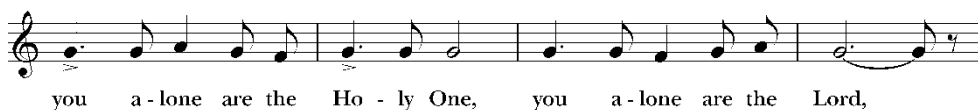
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



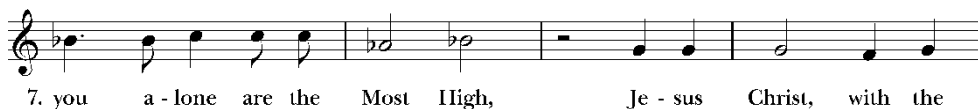
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



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.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God 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. **Amen.**

First Lesson (*Lector 1*)

Acts of the Apostles 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

The Choir sings the antiphon and it is then repeated by the congregation. The Choir then chants the psalm verses, with the congregation singing the antiphon where indicated.

The image shows the beginning of the musical score for Psalm 98. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics 'Sing a new song to God' are written below the treble staff. The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some individual notes in the bass line. A large bracket spans the final two measures of the first line, indicating a specific antiphon.

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. [ANT.]
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.
[ANT.]
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. [ANT.]
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. [ANT.]

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Second Lesson (*Lector 2*)

1 John 5:1-6

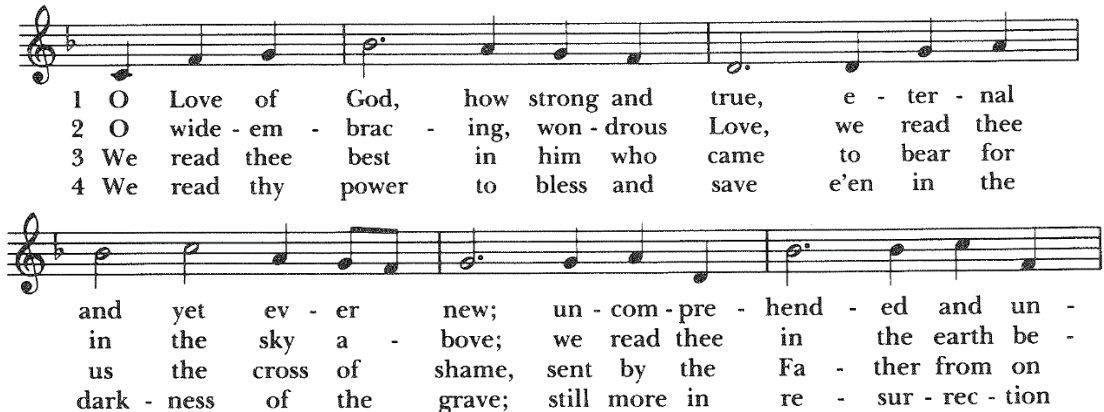
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 455

Dunedin



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul V. Olsson

All are invited to stand to say together **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 (*Intercessor*)

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy, people and ministry of the Church of Our Savior and Mission Farm, Killington.

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way.
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, especially Michael, Mary Kay, Larry, Shirley, Brennan, Ethan, Dave, Jayden, Bob, Patrick, Allan, Erica, Tom, Stephen, Tommy, Dana, Isabel, Marjorie, Jack, Peter, Dick, Geoffrey, Barbara, Ella, Jeff, Sarah, Rita, and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our power and our strength, hear the prayers we lift up to you for the concerns of our hearts . . .

All are encouraged to offer up any needs or concerns in prayer

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Parish Announcements

heav'n and earth are full_ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name_ of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send

your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Jeffrey Smith



Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

All: Repeat Alleluias.

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Ministration of Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome at this table. Please follow the direction of our ushers to approach the altar to receive Communion. After receiving the host, the consecrated wine may be received either directly by sipping from the chalice or in individual single-serve cups. Grape juice is available in single-serve cups for those who prefer this option. For those joining us on Zoom it's suggested that the following prayer for spiritual communion be said during this time:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Anthem

Lord, I want to be a Christian

John Barnard

Communion Hymn 324

Picardy



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultric (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A blessing is offered, then all sing together

Hymn 292

Kingsford



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Toccata in G

William Walond

*The altar flowers are given by the Ruprecht family
in loving memory of Eleanor Dorothy Stokes Ruprecht*

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul V. Olsson

Deacon: The Rev. Charlie Nichols

Zoom Tech: Peter Dempewolff *Ushers:* John Wurzbacher, Vanessa Almony

Altar Guild: Ellen Fenn, Cathy Smid

Eucharistic Ministers: John Hammer, Chree Perkins

Lectors: Ann Cooper, Devon Jersild *Intercessor:* Sharon Tierra

Coffee Hour Hosts: Elizabeth Oettinger, John Hammer

Director of Music: Robert Ludwig

Choir members: Mary Claire DeHaven, Winky Thomas, Cathy Sontum,
Heather Pask, Elizabeth Oettinger, Catherine Nichols, Michael Reeves, Joe McVeigh,
Joanna Pask, Jack Simpson, Gaen Murphree, Elliot Pask, Wendy Taylor,
Ada Simpson, Mike Davis, Dorothy Hayes, Mary Jane Simpson



Music Notes

This morning's prelude was written by the prolific British composer Alan Ridout (1934-1966). His *Resurrection Dance* expresses the joy of the Easter season using contemporary musical language.



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