

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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# The Service of Holy Communion, Rite II

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**Prelude** A new commandment

**Richard Shephard**

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

**Entrance Hymn**

*Come, we that love the Lord,  
Vineyard Haven*

**Hymnal 392**



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but  
3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -  
4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne.  
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.  
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.  
march-ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

## **Easter Acclamation**

Leader Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **The Collect for Purity**

Leader 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. Amen.

# Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

John Rutter



1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of



praise; glo-ry to you. 2. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance of your



ho - ly - Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.



3. Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your



ma - jes-ty, glo-ry to you. 4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the Cher - u -



bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er. 5. Glo-ry to



you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you.



6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit; We will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## The Collect of the Day

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader 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

**Acts 10:44-48**

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

*Silence*

# Psalm 98

George A. Macfarren



- 1 Sing to the Lord a / nēw / song, \*  
for / he has done / marvelous / things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / holy / arm \*  
has he / won for him/self the / victory.
- 3 The Lord has made / known his / victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly  
/ shown in the / sight of the / nations.
- 4 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.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, / all you / lands; \*  
lift up your / voice, re/joyce, and / sing.
- 6 Sing to the / Lord with the / harp, \*  
with the / harp and the / voice of / song.
- 7 With trumpets and the / sound of the / horn \*  
shout with joy be/fore the / King, the / Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and / all that is / in it, \*  
the lands and / those who / dwell there/in.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their / hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he / comes to / judge the / earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he / judge the / world \*  
— / and the / peoples with / equity.

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.  
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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn

*O Love of God,  
Dunedin*

**Hymnal 455**



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.

## The Gospel

**John 15:9-17**

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Leader 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.”

Leader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend John Gardner*

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## **The Nicene Creed**

All 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, Form III

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People* That we all may be one.**

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Reader* Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Mary.

***People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Reader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially, the Smith Family, Barbara, Maggie, Rudi, Ruben, John, Nancy, Emily, Brad & Family, Natasha, Mihayo, MomMom Carol, Emily, Jennifer, Rayelenn, Gordon, Joel, Alyssa, Otis, Valeria, Beth, Devon, Jerry's Family, Jim, Michael, Kyle, the Vicker Family, David, Mark, and Michael.

We pray the prayers our children have asked for especially: for a decrease in COVID cases in India, may they have relief soon; that in-person school continues to be safe and healthy; for all the doctors and healthcare workers that are making sacrifices to help sick people heal and to get better; for countries that are bracing themselves and preparing for a possible third wave.

You are invited to share your own prayers at this time.

*Silence*

Leader O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

Leader Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Peace**

Leader The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**People And also with you.**

## **Parish Notices**

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*Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week. As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:*

*Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Join us on Facebook Live.*

*Returning to Worship: the Vestry is working on our plan for returning to the church, and we will be keeping you updated as soon we have any updates. We hope to have weekly updates on Thursdays.*

*If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do so during the Offertory Anthem. You can do this by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or Pressing Learn More on our Facebook Page or, if you are watching on our website, you can click the donate button on the top of the page.*

## **The Holy Communion**

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### **Offertory Sentence**

Leader 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. (Ps. 98: 1-3)

**Offertory Hymn**    *O Jesus, crowned with all renown,*    **Hymnal 292**  
*Kingsfold*



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.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Leader* The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.

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

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

*Leader* 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 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:

## The Sanctus

Ronald Arnatt

*All*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

*The Choir alone* *All*  
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na,

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*Leader* 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

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

*Leader* 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.

**All AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Leader* And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover* Owen Burdick

*Cantor* *Choir* *Congregation & Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri-ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Leader* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**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. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

*O wheat,  
New Life*

WLP 760

1. O wheat, whose crush - ing was for bread, O  
 2. O fruit whose crush - ing was for wine, O  
 3. O life whose crush - ing was for love, O

bread whose break - ing is for life, O life, your seem - ing end is  
 wine whose flow - ing is for blood, O blood, your pour - ing out is  
 love whose spend - ing was to death, O death, your mourn - ing is our

seed, a seed for wheat, our bread and life.  
 life, our life in you, O fruit - ful vine.  
 joy, full joy and birth to last - ing life.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Leader* 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

*Leader* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

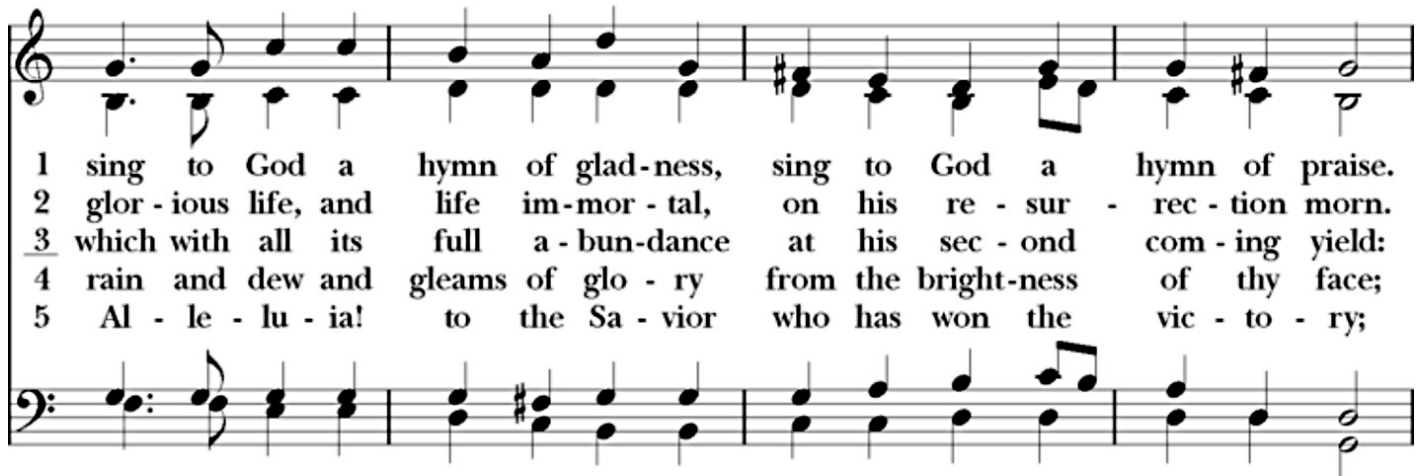
The Closing Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Lux eoi

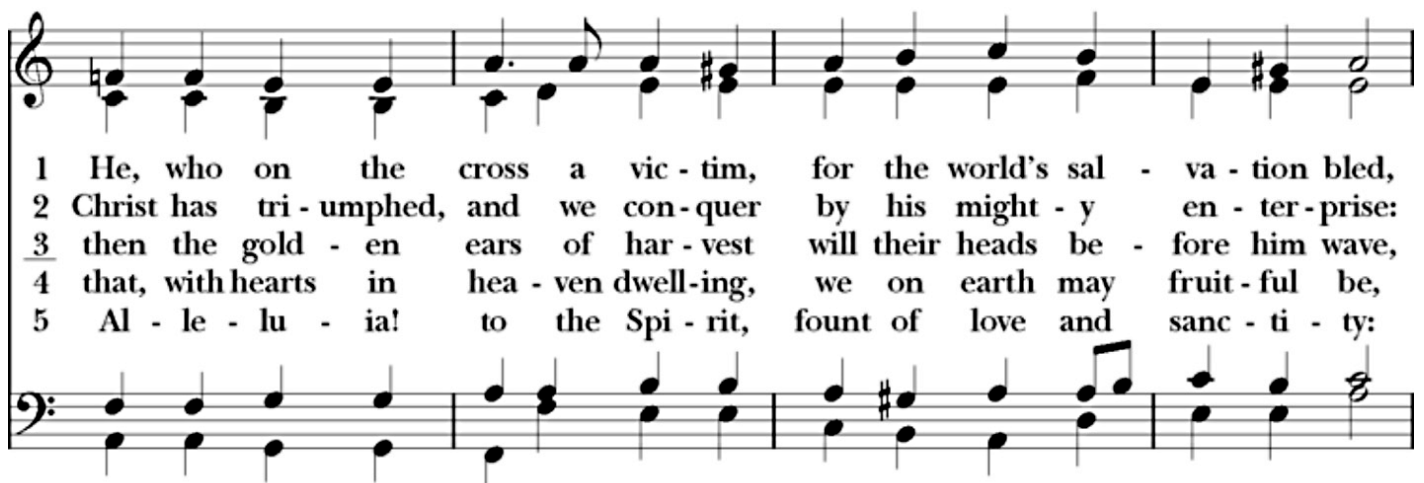
Hymnal 191



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;



1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

## The Dismissal

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude Vineyard Haven

**Robert J. Powell**

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