

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II - Year B

May 5, 2024 11:00 a.m.



**St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Norman, Oklahoma**

*The altar flowers are given by Josh Yarbrough
in celebration of Easter in the Orthodox Church.*

Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

The Priest, vestry and members of this church wish to extend a most hearty welcome to visitors who are worshiping with us today. It is a privilege to extend to you an invitation to make this your church home. Here you will find a family type parish and we hope you will stay after the service so that we may have the opportunity to meet you and extend the hand of Christian fellowship.

Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church offers prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin rogare, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. Few of us today directly derive our livelihood from the production of food, yet it is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who do and our responsibility for the environment.

Prelude

Hymn in Procession

"All Creatures Of Our God And King"

Hymnal 400



- 1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
 *2 Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
 *3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our
 5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your
 *6 And ev-en you, most gen-tle death, wait-ing to hush our fi-nal
 7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



- 1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
 2 loft, O—praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Fair ris-ing
 3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in-
 4 way, O—praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O—sing now: Al-le-lu-ia! All you that
 6 breath, O—praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O—praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re-joice, stars night-ly shin-ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:
 5 pain and sor-row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

The Word of God

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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. **Amen**

Gloria *The following is sung, all standing*

Voices

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

First Reading *All sit.*

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 *Cantate Domino*

Sing to the LORD a new song!

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

Refrain

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. *Refrain*

⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, 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 before the King, the LORD. *Refrain*

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 the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. *Refrain*

The Epistle

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“All Things Bright And Beautiful”

Hymnal 405

All stand. Verses 1 - 3 before; Verse 4 after the Gospel

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a descant and a refrain. The descant is a four-measure melodic line. The refrain is an eight-measure melody that repeats. The lyrics are arranged in four verses, with the first three verses being sung before the Gospel and the fourth verse after. The first two verses are sung to the descant melody, and the last two verses are sung to the refrain melody. The lyrics are: Verse 1: All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea - tures great and small, all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all. Verse 2: All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small, all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. Verse 3: 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by, 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell. Verse 4: he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings, the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky, the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one, how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Holy Gospel All stand.

John 15:9-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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

Rev. Joseph Farber

The Nicene Creed *All Stand*

**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.**

Prayers of the People *Form III* *All remain standing*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray
for St. Luke's in Chickasha and for St Timothy's in Pauls Valley

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican
Episcopal Church of Brazil.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

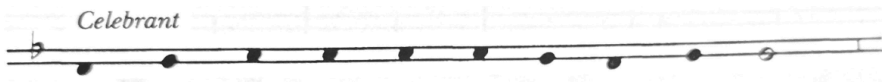
Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Celebrant 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 *All stand*

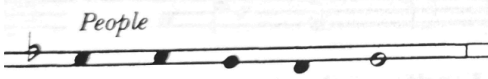
Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, steady line of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6. The notes are placed on the staff as follows: G on the first space, A on the first line, Bb on the first space, C on the second line, D on the second space, E on the second line, F on the second space, G on the third line, A on the third space, Bb on the third space, C on the fourth line, D on the fourth space, E on the fourth line, F on the fourth space, G on the fifth line.

People



And al - so with you.

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The Holy Communion

Offertory

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem

“O Love That Casts Out Fear”

Gilbert M. Martin

*O love that casts out fear, O love that casts out sin,
tarry no more without, but come and dwell within.
Great love of God, come in! Well-spring of heavenly
peace; thou Living Water, come! Spring up and never
cease.*

*Love of the living God, of Father and of Son; love of the
Holy Ghost, fill thou each needy one. Amen.*

Presentation of the Offerings

Please stand as you are able and sing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! A - men.

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord
People And of thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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 a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant adds a proper preface

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:

Sanctus *The people kneel or stand.*

Voices

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant 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."

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Christ has - died. Christ is - ris - en.

Christ will - come - a - gain. Christ has - died.

Christ is - ris - en. Christ will - come - a - gain.

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.

A - men. A - men.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

A - men.

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

Voices

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,
 thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - passes,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
 but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,
 and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Voices

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our Pass-ov-er 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!

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 baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. If you wish to have the host intincted, simply lift the host up to the chalice bearer in your open hands, let them take it from you, intinct it, and return it to you or place it on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available.



Communion Hymns

"Where True Charity And Love Dwell"

Hymnal 606

Antiphon



Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.



1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,
2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er
3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace



let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.
let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness,
to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,



And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,
May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease
our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,



so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]
for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

“Lord, Make Us Servants Of Your Peace”

Hymnal 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Celebrant Let us pray. *All stand*

**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.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession

“O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown”

Hymnal 292



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 - flugence 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.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Please keep these people in your prayers this week

This Prayer List printed in Sunday's bulletins will start anew at the beginning of each month. Please submit the names of those you wish to be added to the published prayer list. The list will continue throughout the month so additions may be made at any time. Contact David Sims to place a request on St Michael's unpublished confidential Prayer Chain.

For those with health concerns: Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Jon Roberts, Mike Scott, Antone Godding, Anne Burris, Woody Campbell, Sue Harrington.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Anne Million, Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Charles Woltz.

Birthdays: 5/8 Lilly Stout, 5/9 Tim Phillips, 5/9 Jennifer Hancock, 5/10 Lynn Robertson, 5/11 Amy McGovern, 5/11 Anne Million

For the departed: 5/11/1998 Muriel Johnson, 5/11/2008 Carl Stokes Jr., 5/12/1990 Elmer Million

For those who serve their country: Ben Winston, Samuel Price.

This week at St. Michael's

Sunday, May 5	Book Discussion Group 1:00 p.m. Pride Parade downtown Norman 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 6	Crafts 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8	Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Lectio Divina 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 9	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 10	Yoga Class 9:00 a.m. Wild Men's Night Out 7:00 p.m.



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