

# **The Church of the Holy Family**

Mills River, North Carolina

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **Rogation Sunday**

**May 22, 2022**

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space

Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



**PRELUDE** Oh How He Loves You and Me

by Kurt Kaiser

A bell rings three times; the People stand.

## **MORNING PRAYER, RITE II**

**OPENING HYMN** #537 Christ for the world we sing

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

*Officiant* You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

## **THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us \*  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all\*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has also come the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,\*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## THE PSALM APPOINTED

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



- 1 May God be merciful to us and /bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and /come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon /earth, \*  
your saving health among all /nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O /God; \*  
let all the peoples /praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for/ joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon/ earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, /O God; \*  
     let all the peoples /praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her/ increase; \*  
     may God, our own God, give us his /blessing.

7 May God give us his /blessing, \*  
     and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of/ him.

Glory to the Father, and to the /Son  
     and to the Holy/Spirit\*  
 as it was in the beginning, is/now  
     and will be forever. A-/men

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING: Acts 16: 9-15

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 8 The Song of Moses** *Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \***  
**the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

**The Lord is a mighty warrior; \***  
**Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \***  
**they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \***  
**who is like you, glorious in holiness,**  
**awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

**With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \***  
**with your might you brought them in safety to**  
**your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

**The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \***  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5**

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

In the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah, *Luke 1:68-79***

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 5:1-9

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel of John.

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

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.  
 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. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

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.

## SUFFRAGES      B

V.	Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R.	<b>Govern and uphold them, now and always.</b>
V.	Day by day we bless you;
R.	<b>We praise your name for ever.</b>
V.	Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R.	<b>Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.</b>
V.	Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* 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.**

## A COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

*Officiant* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

*Officiant* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MUSIC INTERLUDE The Lily of the Valley

by Charles Fry

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

*Prayer Leader* Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ. The Lord has redeemed us; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, "You are our God; and we thank you."

When the leader says "You are our God," please respond "and we thank you."



## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant*            Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with  
one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have  
promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are  
gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill  
now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us  
in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life  
everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant*            Let us bless the Lord.

*People*                **Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN #409 The spacious firmament on high**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymns and service music are found in the blue hymnals found in the racks under the chairs. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Intercessory Prayer List: Shirley, Mickey, Kevin, Cody, Brent, Devin, Nicholas, David, Josh, Jan, Lila, Dave, Julie, Danny, Elisa, Helen, Joy, John, Carolyn and Tyshaun, Chris C., Jim B., Susie, Rita Beth, Lee, Deborah, Michael, Gary, Kathy S., Virginia

### Upcoming Events:

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month- Outreach Committee, 1:30 pm

Every Wednesday- Men's Breakfast at Kosta's, 9:00 am

Every Wednesday- Choir Practice, 4:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month- Women's Group, 10:00 am