

# ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
VISITATION FROM  
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MAY 9, 2021**

*Peter baptizing the Centurion Cornelius,  
by Francesco Trevisani, 1709*



# Prelude

**“All creatures of our God and King”**

**arr. by John Carter**  
**Larry Gates, music director**

# PROCESSIONAL

*“Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets”*

(omit vs 2 & 4)

Amanda Patterson, soprano

Larry Gates, keyboardist

1      Earth and all stars,  
         loud rushing planets,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
                 O victory,  
                 loud shouting army,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

3 Trumpet and pipes,  
loud clashing cymbals,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre,  
loud humming cellos,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

5      Classrooms and labs,  
         loud boiling test-tubes,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
         Athlete and band,  
         loud cheering people,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

6 Knowledge and truth,  
loud sounding wisdom,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son,  
loud praying members,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

Words: Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926)  
Music: Earth and All Stars, David N. Johnson (1922-1987)  
Meter: 45. 7. D with Refrain

# SALUTATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People: One God and Father of all.**

# COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

A reading from the book of the 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

# SEQUENCE HYMN

*“God is love, and where true love is”*

Amanda Patterson, soprano  
Larry Gates, keyboardist

*God is love, and where true love is  
God himself is there.*

1. Here in Christ we gather,  
love of Christ our calling.  
Christ, our love, is with us,  
gladness be his greeting.  
Let us fear and love him,  
holy God eternal.  
Loving him, let each love  
Christ in one another.

*God is love, and where true love is  
God himself is there.*

2. When we Christians gather,  
members of one Body,  
let there be in us no discord  
but one spirit.  
Banished now be anger,  
strife and every quarrel.  
Christ, our God, be always present  
here among us.

*God is love, and where true love is  
God himself is there.*

3. Grant us love's fulfillment,  
joy with all the blessed,  
when we see your face,  
O Savior, in its glory.  
Shine on us,  
O purest Light of all creation,  
be our bliss while endless ages  
sing your praises.

*God is love, and where true love is  
God himself is there.*

Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (b. 1919), alt.

Music: Ubi caritas (Murray), A. Gregory Murray (1905-1992)

# GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Saint John (15:9-17)

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

# PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: The candidates for Confirmation,  
and Reception will now be  
presented.

Presenters: I present these persons for  
Confirmation

I present these person to be  
received into this Communion.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation  
of evil?

Candidate: I do.



Celebrant: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Celebrant: 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.

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 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.**

# AT CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION

*The Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following:*

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism.

Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**



## For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, “Peace be with you.” Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

# Announcements

## **Birthdays this week:**

Christian Miller

Grayson Scott Wallett

Myrna Gray

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*“Ave Maria”*

by Bach/Gounod

Brianna Finnell, soprano

Larry Gates, keyboardist



# Eucharistic Prayer D

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

# SANCTUS – Hymnal S130

Scott Dilbeck, bass  
Larry Gates, keyboardist

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.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr.  
Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power.  
Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.  
You formed us in your own image, giving the  
whole world into our care, so that, in obedience  
to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all  
your creatures. When our disobedience took us  
far from you, you did not abandon us to the  
power of death. In your mercy you came to our  
help, so that in seeking you we might find you.  
Again and again you called us into covenant with  
you, and through the prophets you taught us to  
hope for salvation.



Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Clement, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **Amen**

We pray finally that prayer which Jesus himself taught us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Breaking of the Bread

## Hymnal S 154

Arthur Sauls, tenor  
Larry Gates, keyboardist

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ  
died for you and feed on him in your heart  
by faith with thanksgiving.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

**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 physically, 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.**

# *A General Thanksgiving*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

# BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon us the riches of his grace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for ever. **Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*“All creatures of our God and King”*

*(omit vs. 2, 3, & 6)*

Arthur Sauls, tenor

Larry Gates, keyboardist

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

5 All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing now: Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, and cast on him your care:

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

7 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.  
Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche  
Kirchengeseng, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)