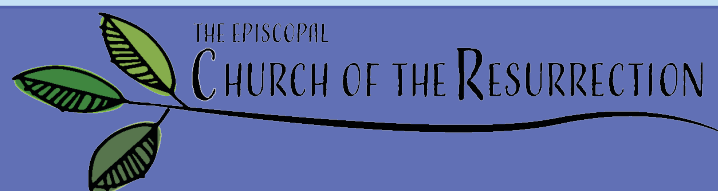


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *(only at 10:30)*

'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(by W. J. Kirkpatrick & L. M. R. Stead)

Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

All standing

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All 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.

The Gloria *(spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

Hymnal S-278



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.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 225

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.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

BCP 675

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 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.

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

Lector A reading from the Revelation to 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light (verses 1-2)

Hymnal 490

The Gospel Lesson: John 14:23 - 29

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light (verse 3)

Hymnal 490

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 IV

BCP 388

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able.
Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or
aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.*

Lector: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we pray for **Jackie B.; David and Pam; Kathleen; Jim; Kelly; the Hentchel family; Barbara; Daphne; Jenon; Aaron; Sarah; Killian; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.** *Silence.*

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

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.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Continuing in a posture of prayer

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence for individual, silent confessions.

Celebrant and People
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

BCP 360

Standing as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

Offertory Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Hymnal 513

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings. 1 Chronicles 29:14

Spoken at 8:00

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;

People **and of your own have we given you.**

Sung at 10:30

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sursum Corda (*sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-120

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.**

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:

Sanctus *Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*

Hymnal S-125

**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.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your

Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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 according to his command O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.** (*spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)



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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

on earth as it is 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.

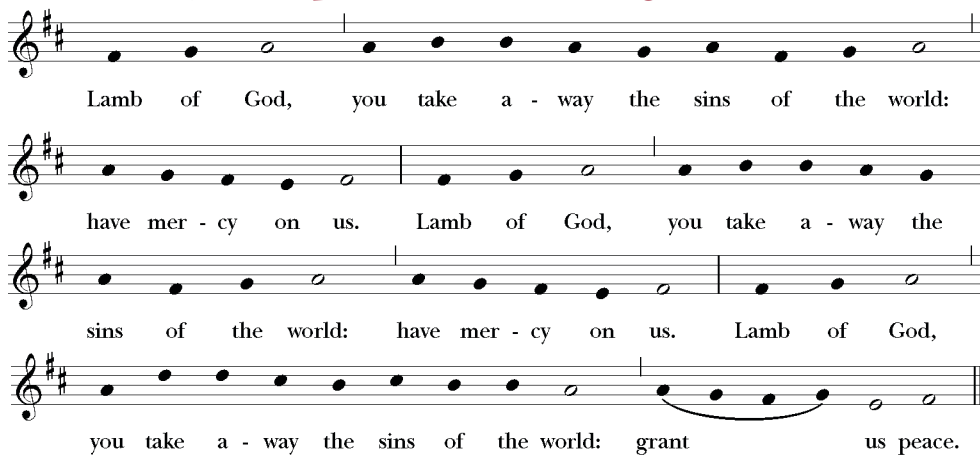
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn (*Spoken at 8:00, Sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-161



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

For the bread which you have broken

Hymnal 341

Celebrant 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.**

Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrant God the King of Glory, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give you thanks for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant them your mercy and the light of your presence; and give us a sense of your will and purpose, that we may understand that the work you have begun in them will be perfected through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, in whom all strife is resolved. **Amen.**

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The Blessing

Post communion Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 473

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude (*only at 10:30*)

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (ST LEONARDS)

Parish Announcements, Prayers, & Thanksgivings

4 PAWS: Today is the 4th Sunday of the month so it's 4 Paws Pantry collection time. Cat and dog food — or donations to purchase the same — are most appreciated. Please see Jackie Curtiss if you have questions.

PENTECOST FEAST JUNE 8

Our first Feast day with Reverend Rebecca will be Pentecost, which is June 8. There will be one service at 10:00, followed by a meal.

This will not be a potluck meal—you don't have to bring anything! We are using this occasion to generate funds for our Friendship Kitchen program. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, but we are asking that you buy a ticket in advance so that we know how much food to prepare.

Tickets will be \$15 each. The meal will include smoked pork loin, mashed potato casserole, green beans, red hot applesauce, rolls, beverages and strawberry cake for dessert.

Contact Diane Van Koughnett (865-458-6000) for more information. Tickets can be purchased starting this Sunday, May 25. If writing a check, please memo "Tickets for Pentecost Feast" and make the check payable to Church of the Resurrection.

DIOCESAN Invite-Welcome-Connect Training

If you would like to attend the diocesan training on Saturday, May 30, please let Rev. Rebecca know by emailing her at rector@episcopalloudon.com by Monday, May 26 so we may reserve a spot for you.

ONE VOLUNTEER is still needed on Monday, June 2. Hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Simple instructions will be sent to you in advance. No computer skills needed! Please email Bonnie if you can help.

Our Parish Prayer List

Jackie B.; David & Pam; Kathleen; Jim; Kelly; the Hentchel family; Barbara; Daphne; Jenon; Aaron; Sarah; Killian

Continuing Prayers for:

Pat; Claire; Sandy; Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane; Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

and for our Vestry leaders:

Class of 2025: Lisa A., Donna B., Diane V.K.

Class of 2026: Drew H., Dawson H., Jenny L.

Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.

Officers: Jenny L., Diane V.K., Dawson H., Sally L.

Also the Diocesan Prayer List:

Good Shepherd, Lookout Mt, TN

Good Shepherd Preschool, Lookout Mt, TN

St. Mark, Aberdeen, SD

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 26	Debbie Hines
May 28	John Cardwell
June 7	Holly & David Pate
June 8	Kim Strong
June 10	Judy Egan
June 10	Peggy Rogers
June 12	Drew Hawley
June 12	Bonnie & Mark Smith
June 13.....	Beth Stahr

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

Please note: Regular church office hours are weekdays 10am-2 pm, EXCEPT for Thursdays.

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

May 25	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Jack Lefler	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild: Judy Egan & Janey Coombes
EM	Andrew Wilkinson	Judy Egan	Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts
Lector	Diane Van Koughnett	Karin O'Callaghan	Organist: Judy Moyer
Usher	JJerry Ploeger	Art Stewart & Garry Lucas	Celebrant: Rev. Rebecca Bridges
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers	Dave St. John	
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	
Counters	n/a	Alice Anderson & Dave St. John	Monday Volunteer (5/26)
Video	n/a	Monty Ross	N/A CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

NEXT WEEK

June 1	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Dawson Hope	Altar Guild: Janey Coombes, Judy Egan
EM	Judy Hadjian	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts
Lectors	Jack Lefler & Mark Hennes	Bill Perry & Judy Egan	Organist: Judy Moyer
Usher	Jerry Ploeger	Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves	Celebrant: Rev. Rebecca Bridges
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	Art Stewart	Monday Volunteer (6/2)
Coffee Hour	TBD	Jenny Lucas	TBD
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Wednesday Volunteer (6/4)
Counters	n/a	Alice Anderson & Ginny Tolbert	Judy Hadjian

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, May 26

OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day

7:00 p.m. - AA (open meeting)

Thursday, May 29

OFFICE OPEN 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, May 30

OFFICE CLOSED - Bonnie out of town

Sunday, June 1

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, spoken, Rite II

9:30 a.m. - Meeting (Acolytes/EMs)

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, choral, Rite II

Email office@episcopalloudon.com to have your ministry or committee's activities or meetings added to the parish calendar.

COMING UP . . .

Office Volunteer still needed (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday June 2

Wednesday, June 4

Pastoral Care Meeting

Thursday, June 5

Prayers & Squares

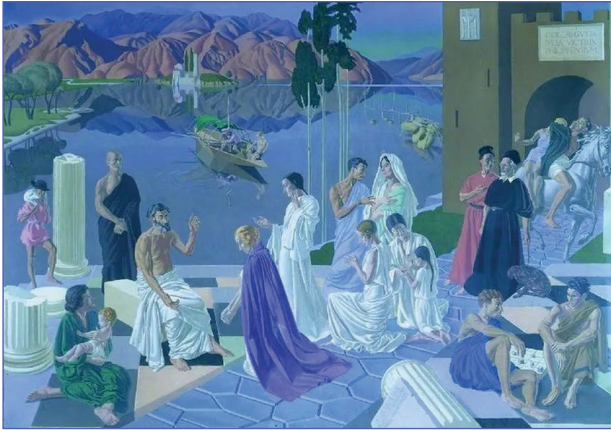
Sunday, June 8 Pentecost

One service at 10 a.m. followed by Parish Luncheon. Tickets \$15.

**Check your Parish Tidings
for upcoming details!**

Our priest, Rev. Rebecca, can be reached at this email: rector@episcopalloudon.com.

TODAY'S ART



St Paul Meeting Lydia of Thyatira

Oil on Canvas, 1928

Edward Irvine Halliday

English Painter

Private Collection

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Lydia is mentioned just once in the Bible in Acts 16:13-15 but as Paul's first convert she deserves serious consideration. Her name is taken from her place of origin, Thyatira in the province of Lydia (now Turkey) rather than denoting her birth name. So there is some speculation that either Euodia or Syntyche – two female

co-workers of Paul named in Philippians 4:2-3 might actually be Lydia.

Luke calls her “a dealer in purple cloth” and a God fearer or worshipper of God. Lydia was a successful businesswoman who sold luxury textiles dyed purple. It was only the wealthy who wore garments dyed purple or had purple furnishings in their homes. Tyrian purple, a dye derived from marine mollusks, was costly compared with the less expensive and reddish local dye, known today as Turkey red. Thyatira was known for its thriving guilds and Lydia would have been an active local dealer with a network of customers and relationships from which both she and her employees would have benefited.

In this painting by the artist Edward Irvine Halliday, there are several different encounters happening at the same time, but we are drawn to Lydia's purple robe as she is converted while listening to St Paul preaching the good news. Various hues of purple, mauve, lilac and periwinkle illustrate Lydia's clothing industry. As well as greens, pinks, blues, black and white presenting a tapestry of fabrics typical of the times and of the trading routes. This range of colors is mirrored in the landscape, creating harmony between land, sea and sky.

Notice the diversity of people: we see a modern mother and child; a Buddhist meditating on the gathering; eastern philosophers wearing exotic hats holding dialogue. Bystanders are watching Lydia's conversion and Roman soldiers play a board game. Another man abducts a prophetess on horseback who Paul has just freed from an oppressive Spirit; fishermen are busy on a pastel lake while crumbling imperial pillars lie abandoned in this coastal town. The old order is passing away, the new is coming ashore. The Roman Empire is receding with its triumphal arch and Doric columns set against the distant mountains. A new way opens up and is emerging as the missionary of Jesus works the crowds! In the midst of these changing times and emerging Christianity, stands a woman who has come to faith.

The Feast of Lydia, patron saint of dyers is 3rd August. St. Lydia is honored in the Orthodox Church more than in the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church, and this is shown by the number of icons depicting her. The painting was one of two commissions in 1928 from Sir Benjamin Johnson, whose business is the now famous dry-cleaning company of that name. The company had been founded in Liverpool in 1817 as a silk dying business before moving into cleaning, so the theme is a tribute to the company's origins. The company was still heavily invested in the dyeing process when the painting was commissioned and two versions of the painting were created. A smaller version (H56cm x W81.3cm) hung in Sir Benjamin's home in the Liverpool suburb of Woolton, and a larger version (H106cm x W147cm) was for the company's main dye works in Bootle, near Liverpool. This painting is the large version.

Source: “Lydia.” The God Who Speaks. The Catholic Bishops’ Conference and the Bible Society.