

Evening Prayer for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020 at 6 pm

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*Portions to be said by all are in bold italics.*

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

***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 *Pascha nostrum***

Alleluia.  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with 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 come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**The Psalm Appointed**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36** *Exsurgat Deus*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
 at the presence of God, the God of Sinai; \*  
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
 sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
 his majesty is over Israel;  
 his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
 Blessed be God!

***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 Lessons

**Reader                      A Reading from Acts.**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Acts 1:6-14*

Reader                      The Word of the Lord.  
**All                              Thanks be to God.**

**13 A Song of Praise      *Benedictus es, Domine      Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34***

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Reader**                    **A reading from the Gospel of John.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." *John 17:1-11*

Reader                    The Word of the Lord.  
*All*                        *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 120

*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

BCP 121

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

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.*

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BCP 121

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*R. And grant us your salvation.  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.*

## The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 126

*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.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

## The Homily

*The Rev. Thomas Joyner*

Exchanging the Peace – *time to check-in*