

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

Memorial Day Weekend

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

May 24, 2020

The Liturgy begins on page 77 of the Book of Common Prayer

The Officiant begins the service

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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. Amen. Alleluia.

Ascension Antiphon

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover

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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.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

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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 forever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Reading The Book of Acts 1:6-14

A Reading from the Book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*
Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

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Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

The Second Reading John 17:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel According to 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

The Suffrages

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V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.*

Collect for Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may,

when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Memorial Day

God of Love and Peace, we give you praise and thanks for all who have bravely defended our Country, our Liberty and our Freedom. We pray today that you keep in your mercy those who have died in the service of our Country so that we are able to enjoy the many Freedoms we experience in our daily lives. Hold them in your mercy and bring them safely to your Heavenly Kingdom. We pray that your loving presence surround their families, granting them the assurance that their loved ones have entered into that place where there is no pain, neither sorrow, nor crying but life everlasting. We also pray for those home and abroad who continue to protect us and put their lives on the line everyday, so that we may be safe and enjoy the liberties we hold dear and that your loving presence will surround them and their families that they will feel You with them, wherever they may be. All this we ask in your Holy Name. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

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.*

At this point the people may offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

The Prayers of the People

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Alan and Gayle, and all who advise them during this pandemic time as we are still in danger but easing out cautiously. We thank you for their wisdom in guiding us; We pray for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Pray for our country's leaders and all world leaders, Thank you for our Governor Baker and is guiding us as we open carefully and safely; Pray for PATIENCE for all of us staying home, and social distancing, wearing masks when they go out to keep each other safe. Pray for us as we carefully emerge and keep each other safe.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for our homeless and shelter staff;

We pray for the people in refugee camps, especially the Rohingya refugees from Burma, in Bangladesh, the people in prisons, people in immigrant detention centers, people in crowded places where social distancing is difficult or not possible.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been asked of All Saints: Herb, Sally's brother; Barbara's daughter Kristen in great pain; we thank you that Karen Simmons is doing better; we pray for Kevin with an advanced cancer diagnosis, and for Donna his wife, Della's friend, and we pray for Glenna and the Boston Project Ministries .Thank you that Glenna is out of quarantine and home, as her 6 year old says, out of "time-out". We continue to pray for East Baptist Church in Lynn's people many with the COVID-19 virus and one who has died, and especially we pray for Rosetta and her daughter Blessing, still sick with the virus.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been asked of St James:
We pray for Nancy, Susan, Doug, Kimberly, Jimmy, Marie, Ed, Shirley, Clete, Rip, Jacob, Carol, Larry, Anna, Hugh, Barbara, Wayne, Victoria, Michael, Steve, Kristol, Liesel, Bill and Charlotte. You know their needs, dear Lord

*We pray this **Memorial Day Weekend*** for our brave Massachusetts National Guard mobilized to test everyone in Care facilities and for our Army Medical Corps including our friend Newburyport's Wilhem Arets stationed in New York City, setting up and manning overflow care facilities for recovering COVID patients
We honor and mourn and pray for all who have died and have served in and for our country to keep us safe and bring peace in the world and to troubled places...we seek ways to honor them by staying at home and social distancing and praying for them their families and their legacies of peace and safety

We pray for our brave front-line health and dental workers: especially Melissa D'Alessandro, Anne Selig, Lillian's daughter Sarah, Beth Koopman, Jillian's daughter Margie and Denise Arnold's son Matthew;

We pray for our ELDERS isolated in care facilities: especially Christine, Sally Eames, and John D., Bonnie's 92 year old Aunt Lois, and Lori's Aunt Lura, very frustrated

We pray for our ELDERS at home: especially Lillian and Betsy Knight
Silence

I ask your prayers for our young people uncertain of their future education. Will their college of choice open in person in the Fall; will their classrooms and cafeterias and gyms be safe in the Fall? We thank you for the dedicated teachers and professors struggling with these questions.

Pray for our anxious young people and their teachers

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that we may find and be found by him. We pray that we will all use this time of uncertainty as we nervously emerge from home, trusting you, our Loving God who struggles with us and tells us that no trials can keep us from your LOVE.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially the over 5 million people who've been sickened and the 340,000 people in the world who have died of the COVID 19 virus; Pray for the 1,650,000 Americans who have been sickened and the 98,000 Americans who have died of the virus. Pray for the 20 people in Amesbury and the 109 people in Lowell who have died of the virus. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

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

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. Allelulia, alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

A Memorial Day Tribute