

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020 Online service of Morning Prayer  
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I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you. *John 14:18*

## **The Penitential Rite**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8, 9*

*The officiant says to the people,*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,*

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 neighbours 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.

*The Priest says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

### Opening Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (CP 321)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all;  
The God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
Praise him whose burning path you trod, and crown him Lord of all;  
Praise him whose burning path you trod, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe, delivered from the fall,  
To Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with heaven's sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,  
Lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all;  
Lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all!

### The Invitatory

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship**

*The following may be sung or said from Easter until Pentecost.*

*Christ our Passover (1 Corinthians 5.7-8; Romans 6.9-11; 1 Corinthians 15.20-22)*

### Alleluia!

**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 come also the resurrection of the dead.**  
**For as in Adam all die, \***  
**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

A reading from Acts 1: 6-14

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> 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.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> 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 <sup>[a]</sup> James. <sup>14</sup> All these

were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68: 1-10

- 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.*

**Blessed are you, Lord God of truth and justice; you open our hearts and our mouths to pray and to praise. Guide now our feet in your holy way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Second Reading:- 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5: 6-11

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory,<sup>[a]</sup> which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves, keep alert.<sup>[a]</sup> Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters<sup>[b]</sup> in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King, (CP 379)

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say rejoice

He sit at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the judge, shall come  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound  
rejoice!

**Gospel Reading:**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***John 17:1-11***

**Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, <sup>[a]</sup> to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “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. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> 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.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon: The Very Rev'd H.A. (Bert) Chestnut**

*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.

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

**Leader:** In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"

**Leader:** That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader:** That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader:** That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader:** That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader:** That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader:** That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader:** That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **The Collect**

**Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your Kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Leader:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

**All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing: Priest** The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

## **Closing Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (CP374)**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?  
Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lards we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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### **Dismissal**

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia

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