

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

MAY 17, 2020 10:30 AM

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert, Rector

The Rev. Jim Enelow, Deacon

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, Music Director

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the **Online Worship** page of our website.

EASTER is the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. In the northern hemisphere, Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ.

Easter is not merely one day, but a season of fifty days of rejoicing, culminating on the Day of Pentecost. During the GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER, our worship will reflect the earliest traditions of Christian worship, omitting the usual Prayer of Confession. The Council of Nicaea in 325 declared during the Easter season, Christians would neither kneel nor fast, instead focusing on the joy of the resurrection and our own status as a redeemed Easter people. May God bless you throughout the Easter season.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: Lux eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant 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.

People Amen.



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 225

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

FIRST READING ACTS 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18 JUBILATE DEO

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *make the voice of his praise to be heard;

- 8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;

- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND LESSON 1 PETER 3:13-22

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.





Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.

Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 14:15-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

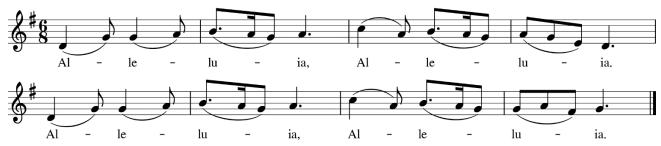
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA



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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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

Deacon Father, we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, and all your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Deacon We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our bishops; Kevin

our rector; Jim our deacon; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Deacon We pray for Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and all who govern and hold

authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Deacon Have compassion on Pat, Jennifer, Stephen, Sister Mary Jean, Ann, Amber, Gladys, Charles,

Ralph, Kirk, Ann, Polly, Divesh, Bailey, Melinda, Hans, Mary, Martha, Pam, Ben, Gail, Colleen, José, Tom, Michael, Valerie, all those suffering from COVID-19, and on all those

who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Deacon Give to those who have died from COVID-19 and all the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Officiant O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Jeff, Joel, Melissa and

Dewey, Scott and Hye Na, and on all your servants who begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of

their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

(The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.)

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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

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.

Officiant

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.



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DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Minuet in G MI-YOUNG KIM, ORGAN (Frederic Handel)

After the service, regardless of which method of accessing the service you have been using, you are invited to join the **Zoom link** (password: risen), for a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Pat Beckham Bailey McKennon Jennifer Bigbee Melinda Mendez Stephen Blood Hans Mueller Sister Mary Jean Bludau Mary Parker Ann Casstevens Martha Sahs Pam Schubert Amber Dupuy Gladys Dykes Ben Sears **Charles Foster** Gail Snyder Ralph Hausser Colleen Stark Kirk Hoffman José Treio Tirado Ann Kauppi Tom Wooten Polly Littrell Michael Worcester

Divesh Manohar All those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially

All those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Valerie McKesson Lara

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Zach Mertz Maddison Worcester

Dustin Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Jeff Maki (May 17)

Joel McAlister (May 19)

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Melissa & Dewey Brackin (May 18) Scott & Hye Na Lucy (May 23)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Anglican Church of Korea Grace, Galveston
The Most Reverend Moses Nagjun Yoo, Primate Holy Trinity, Dickinson

Mosaic Church Plant, Pearland

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.



THE BANNER - May 17, 2020

- VIRTUAL "COFFEE HOUR" Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to use the service's Zoom link (password: risen) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners. Join us for this virtual "coffee hour" with or without coffee!
- CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES Next Sunday, May 24th, St. George's will offer a special liturgy to celebrate those graduating or moving forward in their educational journey. We will offer a blessing for those who are graduating from high school, college, or any other certificate or degree program. If you or your child are graduating from any such program, please contact Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski at steporgeaustin@gmail.com so that we can honor them during the service.
- ❖ SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT The Seminary of the Southwest will hold two virtual ceremonies this year to recognize and celebrate graduating students and award degrees. This year's Commencement speaker will be The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, 10th Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, CT, and the seminary will award a Doctor of Divinity honoris causa to Southwest alumna Bishop Kai Ryan. A Service of Evening Prayer, with the Presentation of Seminary Crosses and Remembrances, will be held on Tuesday, May 19th, at 5:00 pm. A Service of Midmorning Prayer and Awarding of Degrees will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, at 10:00 am. Both services will be held on the Seminary's YouTube Channel, and more information is available at the Seminary's website.
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to stay connected in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses, including salaries. If you have been giving to St. George's by putting a check or cash in the plate on Sundays, please consider giving online by clicking the DONATE button on the Stewardship page of the church's website: www.sgchurch.org/stewardship. You can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. Thank you for your generosity.
- CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKETS Christopher House Volunteer Coordinator Philip has asked that we reduce our deliveries to just one basket per week. Shelter-in-place rules have limited them to six patients at a time and only one visiting family member per patient. Since fewer family members are there to get baskets, the baskets may sit a while before being delivered, so no perishable items should be included. The delivery method has also slightly changed. Park in the back of the building as always, but you may need to ring the bell to get admitted to the courtyard. Someone will meet you at the door and take delivery of your basket. Philip stressed again how much the baskets mean to the recipients, and that all the items are appreciated.

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Tue, May 19	Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
Wed, May 20	Alcuin of York, Deacon and Abbot, 804
Thu, May 21	Ascension Day
Fri, May 22	Helena of Constantinople, Protector of the Holy Places, 330
Sun, May 24	Jackson Kemper, Bishop and Missionary, 1870

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER FOR THE SICK BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

BCP 460

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A PERSON UNABLE TO TAKE THE EUCHARIST

Written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787

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 sacramentally, 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.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant – The Rev. Kevin Schubert
Preacher – The Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson
Deacon – The Rev. Jim Enelow
Reader – Frances Rickard
Vestry Person of the Day – Hye Na Lucy
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Singers – John Rickard, Frances Rickard, Hye Na Lucy

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