
6th Sunday of Easter Year A May 17, 2020

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
People

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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 FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Acts 17:22-34

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148:7-14

7 Praise the LORD upon earth, *
you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, ***
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 **Beasts and all cattle, ***
creeping things and birds of the air;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 **Young men and maidens, ***
old men and children together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

14 **He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his faithful shall praise him, ***
the children of Israel, the people who are near him. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from 1 Pet 3:8-18.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL : John 15:1-11

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY — Britt Norvell

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy complete 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

The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text. The reader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world:

We remember all those who have departed this life:

Silence

Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Receive them into the arms of your mercy and your peace, until that blessed day when you return again and we are reunited.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We lift up the victims of COVID-19, and all those who are ill:

Silence

We beg that you would drive away their sickness, give them patience in their affliction, and restore them to health and strength.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are afraid, isolated, or grieving; for those suffering anxiety or depression; for those enduring unemployment, disruption, disappointment and loss. Draw near to those who weep, and let them cast their sorrows on you, that the promise of Easter and your unfailing love would drive out all grief and fear, leaving only a sure confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion upon those who struggle with addiction. Free them from bondage, restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who minister to them, give patient understanding and persevering love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We lift up those who are particularly vulnerable: the poor, the homeless, and refugees, and all who care for them. Grant them the knowledge that you hear them in their distress, and that they are loved beyond measure. Help us to see your face in our neighbors, and show us how we are called to help.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We lift up families as they face both the joys the challenges of this time at home. Bless them with patience, grace, love, creativity and humor, that this would be a time of deepened relationships, with each other and with you.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We lift up all health professionals, who are working so hard and sacrificing so much, oftentimes at great risk. Protect them, and bless them with courage, grace and perseverance. Inspire, and give insight and hope to all researchers focused on understanding this virus and developing cures.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all of those who may have once felt invisible, but whose value is now in the spotlight: cleaning people, grocery workers, garbage collectors, delivery drivers and all those for whom we have renewed appreciation. Protect them from harm, Lord, and give us new eyes to see.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those in authority in the nations of the world; we pray especially for President Trump, for Governor Abbott, for Mayor Mack, and for all in public service. Bless them with wisdom, courage, grace, and integrity, that together they may lead us in unity for the common good, safety, and health of all.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church: For Foley., our Archbishop, Todd, our Bishop, for all the clergy and people of the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others, and especially for the Vestry and people of Good Shepherd Anglican Church. For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth: that in this challenging time we might find new opportunities to share the great news that Christ is Risen!

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be added. Thanksgivings may also be invited.

The Celebrant concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord

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 SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

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 LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together 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.

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us your peace.

Silence is kept.

COLLECT FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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.

Recessional Hymn: "Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Behold He comes, riding on the
clouds, shining like the sun
at the trumpet call...lift your voice
it's the year of jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes!

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the
clouds, shining like the sun
at the trumpet call...lift your voice
it's the year of jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes!

There's no god like Jehovah! (7X)
Yeah....!

Behold He comes, riding on the
clouds, shining like the sun
at the trumpet call...lift your voice
it's the year of jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes!

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the People with these words

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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