



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
(YEAR A)**

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Morning Prayer Service  
10:30 am

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**Saint Patrick Episcopal Church**

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, Bishop  
The Rev. Chris Brannock, Priest in Charge  
Janie Cain, Senior Warden  
Dave Clayton, Verger  
John McQueary & Elizabeth Loiacono, Music Ministers

**Welcome to Morning Prayer!**

Morning and Evening Prayer are made up of a few distinct parts: The Gathering (The Confession, "Lord, open our lips"), the Psalter (where we say the psalm or psalms of the day), the lessons and responses (we hear readings from the Bible and respond with canticles, which are holy poetry of the Church), The Apostles' Creed (our statement of faith and similar to the Nicene Creed), and the Prayers.

A few helpful hints as you pray at home and/or join us:

- Using a sacred space or home altar can add a positive and spiritually centered connection to the service. For more information on creating altars and sacred spaces, please visit our "Worship at Home" webpage and scroll to the resources at the bottom.
- As you begin, light a candle, gather with those in your household (pets included) and take a few minutes of silence
- We will be uploading this service to our "Worship at Home" page at 10:30 am on Sunday. It will also be available on our YouTube channel and Facebook Page.

# MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

OPENING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

1982 Hymnal #490



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain:



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 77

Alleluia! Christ is risen

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

If the 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)

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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 neighbors 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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **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.**

ANTIPHON

BCP 81

Alleluia. The Lord is glorious in his saints: Come let us adore him.  
**Alleluia.**

(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.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\*

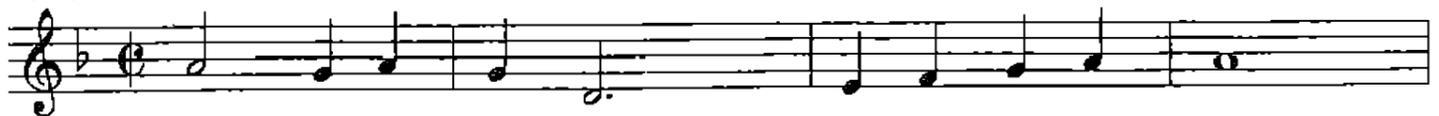
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE PSALM:

"You Have Made a Home for the Poor" - Psalm 68

Gather #67

Refrain:



God, in your good-ness, you have made a home,



you have made a home for the poor.

Verses:

1. Your presence all around them, the just proclaim your glory;  
Laughing, dancing, singing, they revel in your story.  
O Let us sing our praises! God's name inspire our song,  
For God is ever near us, let our praise be loud and long.

2. A Parent to the orphan, the widow's strong defender,  
This is how our God is, both terrible and tender.  
With mercy for the lowly, God builds for them a home,  
To lead them into freedom in a land to call their own.
  
3. Upon a thirsty nation, you rained refreshing rain,  
And when your own were starving, you gave them life again.  
So where there once was nothing, a nation formed and grew;  
A home at last, a country vast the poor received from you.

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:6-14

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.

Lector:                   The Word of the Lord

**People:                   Thanks be to God**

CANTICLE 17     *The Song of Simeon – Nunc dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)*

BCP 93

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

**to go in peace as you have promised;**

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*

**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*

**and the glory of your people Israel.**

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.**

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. 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. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 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. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector:                   The Word of the Lord

**People:                   Thanks be to God**

## CANTICLE 15

*The Song of Mary – Luke 1:46-55*

BCP 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

**the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*

**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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.**

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."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Brannock

POST-SERMON HYMN

"Give Me Jesus"

LEVAS #91



1. In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I  
 2. Dark \_\_\_ mid - night was my cry Dark \_\_\_ mid - night was my  
 3. O \_\_\_ when I come to die, O \_\_\_ when I come to



1. rise, In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - - - sus.  
 2. cry, Dark \_\_\_ mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - - - sus.  
 3. die, O \_\_\_ when I come to die Give me Je - - - sus.



Give me Je - - sus, Give me Je - - sus, You may



have all this world, Give me Je - - sus.

THE APOSTLES'S CREED

BCP 96

**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 97

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.**

SUFFRAGE A

BCP 98

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 355

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

*A Collect for Sundays*

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

BCP 99

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 Prayer for Mission*

BCP 100

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

THE SUPPLICATION

*For use during times of national anxiety*

BCP 154

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our ancestors have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

**O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.**

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

**O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.**

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

**Graciously behold our afflictions.**

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

**Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.**

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

**O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

**Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.**

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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*

BCP 102

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant concludes with the following:*

EPHESIANS 3:20, 21

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,  
 2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,  
 3. Cour - age in our dark - ness, com - fort in our sor - row,  
 4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,  
 ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,  
 Spir - it of our God most high; sol - ace for the wea - ry,  
 praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym - bals,



his love is for ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.  
 one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.  
 par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God.  
 praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days.



Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good - ness,



mel - o - dies of praise and thanks to God.



Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with your mu - sic,



wor - ship him and bless his name.