



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 17, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: Sinfonia in A

Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn 400: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, “All creatures of our God and King”

- 1 All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voices, let us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams!
- Refrain* O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft:
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
Star, nightly shining, find a voice. *Refrain*
- 3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
You give to us both warmth and light. *Refrain*
- 4 Dear mother earth, you day by day
Unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
Let them his glory also show. *Refrain*
- 5 All you with mercy in your heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now! Alleluia!
Ye All you that pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on him your care: *Refrain*
- 6 And even your, most gentle Death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
For Christ our Lord that way has trod. *Refrain*
- 7 Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! *Refrain*

Opening Sentences

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Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People 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

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.

Christ our Passover, *Pascha nostrum*

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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 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

Reader: Carol Fuller

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 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.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Reader: Sam Fuller

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.

Second Lesson: John 14:15-21

Reader: The Reverend Hilary Streever

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing as able.
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 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 together
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.

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let the 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 in us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Other Collects

Prayers for the Parish

Officiant

Please join me in lifting up to God those who have asked for our prayers.

Officiant and People together

Eleanor Angle, Cheri Harrell Anthony, Elizabeth Austin, Loryn Brazier, Matt Curtis, Kate DeJarnette, Connie Dowler, Craig Ellisfson, Cameron Flippen, Charlie Gamble, Susan Goff, Nancy Guedri, Mary Harrison, Bernadette Howard, Palmer Johnson, Frances Jones, Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Keith McMullin, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Chuck Murphy, Christina Navarrete, Luke Newcomb, Billy Noftsinger, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Bill Royall, Geoff Sisk, Bradford Smith, Kathi Stalnaker, Alan Stone, Chamie Valentine, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Jennifer and Woody

The Officiant continues with the prayers, found in the back of the bulletin.

Prayer for Mission

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Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

Greeting and Announcements

Song: Bird Song

Heather Masse

I hear a bird chirping, up in the sky
I'd like to be free like that spread my wings so high
I see the river flowing water running by
I'd like to be that river, see what I might find

I feel the wind a blowin', slowly changing time
I'd like to be that wind, I'd swirl and the shape sky
I smell the flowers blooming, opening for spring
I'd like to be those flowers, open to everything

I feel the seasons change, the leaves, the snow and sun
I'd like to be those seasons, made up and undone
I taste the living earth, the seeds that grow within
I'd like to be that earth, a home where life begins

I see the moon a risin', reaching into night
I'd like to be that moon, a knowing glowing light
I know the silence as the world begins to wake
I'd like to be that silence as the morning breaks

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.*

Versicle and Response

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Sentences

Hymn 376: *Hymn to Joy*, “Joyful, joyful”

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Postlude: Voluntary on Duke Street

David Cherwien

*This Sunday we remember
John and Seymour Rennolds*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Videographer: W. R. L. Simms

Musicians: West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble

Soloists: Sabrina LaFleur, Jeanne Lapierre, Caitlin Tyndall

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Robert Crutcher, Clare and Beirne Hutcheson, John Nance and Wilson Nance

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Chris Abplanalp, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Lauren Dickinson, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks and Margaret Williams

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Jim Allen, Paul Ascoli, Druanne Cummins, Reece Jones, Cary Milley, Margaret Moomaw, Massey Owen, Isabel Owen, Luke Ricard and Marisa Tribble who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Lara Hough and Willard Williams