

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN THE SEASON OF EASTER  
SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER  
MAY 24, 2020**

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**Opening Hymn #495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

1. Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
reconciled are we with God.

3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading:  
there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.

4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

## Opening Sentence

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Officiant:* You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

## Confession of Sin

*Officiant:* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. *(all kneel)*

**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.**

*The Officiant stands and says*

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter *(all stand)*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

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

**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.**

*Officiant:* Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed:

*People:* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

## Canticle: Pascha Nostrum *(sung to the tune Sine Nomine "For All the Saints")*

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh die,  
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36**

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*(the people read the verses in bold print)*

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.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

**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.**

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**FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:6-14**

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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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Response: Surely it is God that Saves Me**

1. Surely it is God who saves me;  
I shall trust and have no fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me  
And his saving help is near.  
So rejoice as you draw water  
From salvation's living spring;  
In the day of your deliv'rance  
Thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2. Make these deeds known to the peoples;  
Tell out God's exalted name.  
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;  
Wondrous works his might proclaim.  
Zion, lift your voice in singing;  
For with you has come to dwell,  
In your very midst, the great and  
Holy One of Israel.

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## SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn #603 When Christ was Lifted from the Earth

1. When Christ was lifted from the earth,  
his arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.

2. Still east and west his love extends  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.

3. Where generation, class, or race  
divide us to our shame,  
he sees not labels but a face,  
a person, and a name.

4. Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free

to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.

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## GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

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A Reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

#### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Officiant then says the Collect of the Day and any additional collects and intercessions.*

*Collect of the Day:* 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.**

*Collect for Heroic Service:* O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world, the church and those in special need.

For the Church universal, for the churches of our diocese and for our own parish: give us wisdom, trust and commitment as we respond to the challenges of this time of pandemic. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the people who worship with us today, that the Spirit will work in their lives to bring them comfort and hope in the midst of uncertain times. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For people on the front lines: first responders, medical and hospital staff, those who work to sustain our daily life, and for those seeking a cure. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are unemployed and have lost their financial security; and for those who are adapting to changed work situations. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the people affected by the flooding in Michigan, and for all affected by severe weather events this spring. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those about to graduate from high school or college, we ask your blessings on their new adventures. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those who struggle with the challenges of social distancing; Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those on our parish prayer list: *Carmel, Sherry Eichert, Bob Juskalis, Chris Kuhn, Penny Miller, Kristen Mirabello, the Flacco and Reilly families, Ellen Welsh* and for all that we now name, either silently or aloud: ... *(a period of silence)* ..... Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn and we commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially those who have died in the coronavirus pandemic, 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 Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

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 who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## Announcements

On Sunday May 31, we're having a Zoom 'coffee hour'. Email Lynn at [rectoradvent4@gmail.com](mailto:rectoradvent4@gmail.com) if you want an invitation to attend.

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## Birthday Prayer:

*Those celebrating birthdays this week: none*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving** *(said by the officiant and the 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 ourselves 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** *(said by the officiant)*

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.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:* 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.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Closing Hymn #483 The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns**

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal Light;

3. the joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his Name to know.

4. To them the cross with all its shame,  
with all its grace is given;

their name, an everlasting name;  
their joy the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him:  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

### **Ministers of the Service**

Readers: Sharon Dippre, Drew Dippre, Lauren New

Musicians: Barbara Johnson and Heidi New

Tech Support: Evan and Drew Dippre

Officiant: Rev. Lynn Hade

**Today's altar flowers are given in memory  
of Barbara Carver by Robert Carver.**