



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Where all are welcome at the Lord's table*

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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 24, 2020

### Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

#### Prelude

*Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist*  
("We pray now to the Holy Spirit")

Dietrich Buxtehude

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

#### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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. Alleluia.**

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**People Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

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People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

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

*Officiant and People*

- 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.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*The Lamb*

H. Walford Davies

Caitlyn Holmstedt, Laurel Ann Pilkington, Courtney Wegrzyn, soloists

from May 19, 2019 concert

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11.**

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.**

**Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed** *Magna et mirabilia*  
*Revelation 15:3-4*

*Officiant and People*

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
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.**

**A Reading from the Gospel of John 7:1-11.**

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 Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

**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, 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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

To Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and who now lives in the glory of the Father, let us lift our voices in praise, saying: Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for the holy church of God throughout the world striving to be people of the resurrection. For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities through the Diocese and pray for the people and clergy of St. Augustine's, Kingston. For those in the Armed Forces who have died in service to our country, that through our shared ministry all people might receive the good news of God." Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for our world: for its nations, leaders, and peoples. For Donald our president, and Gina our governor. For those called to protect and serve this and every land; especially the members of this community serving in the military. As we glory in the Lord's resurrection may we strive to live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for the whole world in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray for those who are ill and those who have died. For doctors, nurses, first responders, and researchers caring for those in need and searching for answers of healing. For support staff, gig workers, essential employees, and all those who labor behind the scenes to support our communities. For those tasked with making decisions for the welfare of all people. For all of humanity that we might be relieved of anxiety, fear, and hardness of heart. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for the needs and concerns of this community, for the homebound, those fed and clothed by our outreach ministries, and for those on our prayer list: Margaret Poole, Julian, Brayden Mossey, Larry Baxter, Steve, Leo, Paula A., Lois Hunter, Janet Kitchen, Lou R., Robert Turner, Christopher Gormley, Arlene & Bill Dubois, Joanie B., Jason Harris, Ryan Luther, Stephanie Ann, Sophia Martin, Don B., Pete Fornal, Matthew, Florence & John MacQueen, Maddalyn, George Graham, Samantha Mossey, Kerri Turgeon, Doreen Gardner, Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, James Watts, III, Paula Thompson, Michael Joliceur, Rita, Lisbeth, Seamus Ryan Drago, Cole R., Kate & Callie, Bill, Patti & Gregory Lebeau, Rowen W., Dorothy Brown, Ellen Hall, Shirley W., Dot McDermott, Paul M., Peter W. & Nancy W., Mike, "C", Richard Fogarty, Kenneth Hunter, William Larkin, Kathy L., Gary & Cindy M., Sarah Stevens, Herbert Holmstedt, Sr., Anne, Kate & Jeff Kennedy, Heather MacQueen, Margaret, Suzie, Rell, David Rodriguez, Elaine James, Don, Debbie Held, Maureen Lorenzo, Liz McClintick, Thomas Shiel, Theresa Deiters, Patsy Tracey, Kim Knoll, Dorothy, Thomas Knoll, Rita, Ashley Knoll, and Samantha Simas. May those who suffer pain and anguish of any kind find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for those who now share in the resurrection of Christ. For those who have died and those who will die this week. On this memorial day weekend we pray also for all those who have died in service to their country, may their example inspire others to lives of service and sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom Through the undying love of Christ may we be united with all who have died in the glorious kingdom of God. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

Following in the example of blessed Luke our patron, let us commend the world, for which Christ died and rose again, to the mercy and protection of God. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**



## 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.**

Officiant     Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People        Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

## Closing Hymn 579

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -  
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.  
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

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