



# St. Cross

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### **Morning Prayer**

### **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### **May 24, 2020**

*The Officiant begins the service with a sentence of Scripture,*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

*During the Fifty Days of Easter, the Confession is omitted.*

### **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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover** *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 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.**

*Then follows*

## **The Psalm**

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

**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!**

*At the end of the Psalm is said*

**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**

*Two lessons are read.*

### **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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*A Canticle is said after the Reading.*

**You are God** *Te Deum laudamus*

*Officiant and People together*

**You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:**

All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## Second Lesson

John 17:1-11

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.**

*A moment of silence and reflection before the homily begins.*

## **The Homily**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

**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.

*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.**

*Then follows the Suffrages*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The 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.**

*Memorial Day Prayer*

We give you thanks, O God, for all who have died that we may live, for all who endured pain that we might know joy, for all who made sacrifices that we might have plenty, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom. Turn our deep gratitude into determination, and our determination into deeds, that as others died for peace, we may live for the sake of the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Christ is Risen, and the power of his resurrection fills the world with new life. With hope and expectation, let us bring to God all our needs as we pray:

For your Church throughout the world: By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, and our Bishops John and Diane and all other ministers, lay and ordained: that they may boldly and faithfully reveal Christ in word and action.

*Lector:* God of Grace

**All: Hear our prayer**

For the leaders of our nation: For all federal, state and local elected officials, and all those in positions of authority: that they may seek and find wisdom and govern with courage and integrity for the common good.

For the leaders of the nations and world: that they may give priority to those in greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources, and work together to overcome violence against all, especially the poor, the weak, and the migrant.

*Lector:* God of Grace

**All: Hear our prayer**

For your wondrous creation that shines forth your light: Give us reverence for all life in your world and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home.

For our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved, and for all those whose lives touch ours: Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as God loves us. We give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, especially the Ministries of Listening Hearts and the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

*Lector:* God of Grace

**All: Hear our prayer**

For all who are forgotten or thrown away, especially for the impoverished, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely or afraid: that God might change our hearts and move us to love and care for them as the image of Christ.

For all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: especially Yullan, Marley, Joe, Donna, Celine, Jessie, Katarina, Nancy, Therese, Christina, Clark, the Mata family, Rev. Patti, Alex, and the Angelo family, and for those who have been affected by the coronavirus, those who grieve, who struggle for life, whose lives are in danger, who are lonely; for first responders and those in the medical field, that through their skill and wisdom many will be restored to health. May all in need know the power of your healing love.

For those deprived of their human needs and their human rights: that they may be given the dignity which God confers on all people.

For all prisoners and those in any kind of trouble: that your abundant compassion be made known.

*Lector:* God of Grace

**All: Hear our prayer**

For all those who have died to this earthly life, especially Ernie, and Chris and those we name now. We remember your mercy and commit them to the safety of your keeping. Bless those who mourn and heal their brokenness with your gentle touch that they may know your peace.

*Lector:* God of Grace

**All: Hear our prayer**

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. 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.

## Hymn

## Hymnal 214

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
\*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Then is said*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*