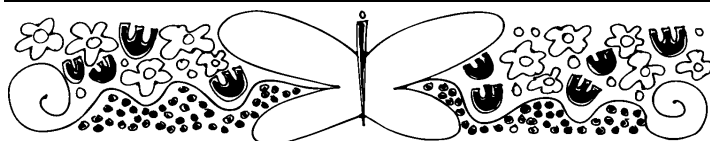




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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020



Morning Prayer

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant
 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

In keeping with the ancient custom of the Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

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.**

Pascha Nostrum

1 Cor. 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 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.

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!

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.**

A Reading from 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**

Canticle 11 – The Third Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

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.**

A Reading from 1 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 18 – A Song to the Lamb

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power * are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and for evermore.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

(17:1-11)

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. "

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Silence for reflection

The Apostles' Creed (Standing, as able)

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.

Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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,

Fr. Haynes

**and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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.**

Officiant

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.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise. Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.

That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, praying especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.

That our world may know the blessings of life in you.

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

That Christ's Body may be One.

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine.

That we may be an Easter people.

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

That they too may share in your abundant life.

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

That they may rejoice in your presence forever more.

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of Nakuru - (Kenya), Abakaliki - (Nigeria), Ilaje - (Nigeria), Nambale - (Kenya), Aberdeen & Orkney - (Scotland), Ili-Oluji - (Nigeria), Namibia - (Southern Africa), Abuja - (Nigeria), Namirembe - (Uganda), Abyei - (South Sudan), Accra - (West Africa), Nandyal - (South India), Adelaide - (Australia), Nasik - (North India), Afikpo - (Nigeria), Ilesa - (Nigeria), Ilesa South West - (Nigeria), and the Anglican Communion Offices, Officials, and Councils; The Episcopal Church; our diocese, especially St. Luke Memorial, Tacoma; our parish, especially for our Key Lime Pie Buddy Group: Jim & Jennie Donahe; Daisi Lane; Hilary & Susan Njoroge; Mary Mwasi; Agueda & Michael Fernandez-Webster; that your Holy Spirit would guide and direct your Church throughout the world to be a sign of your Kingdom;

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially Keith Morrison and for those we now name;

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven, David, Jenny, Ann, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Justin, Sherrie, Saray, Julianne, Jerry, Kathy, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, The Parker/Zwart Family, The Frampton Family and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, especially for those we now name;

We praise you and bless you, O Christ.
We praise you and bless you.

Officiant

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung

Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3 *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The General Thanksgiving

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.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

St. Matthew Mission Statement

To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

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| <i>Officiant</i> | Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia! |