

# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Year A  
Rogation Sunday  
May 17, 2020



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he who is Lord of heaven and earth,  
does not live in shrines made by human hands,"



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and he will give you another Advocate,  
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*Organ Prelude*

*Welcome and Reminder of Easter Season*

Christ is Risen; the Lord is risen indeed!! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God!! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!**

**Christ our Passover, *Pascha nostrum***

**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.**

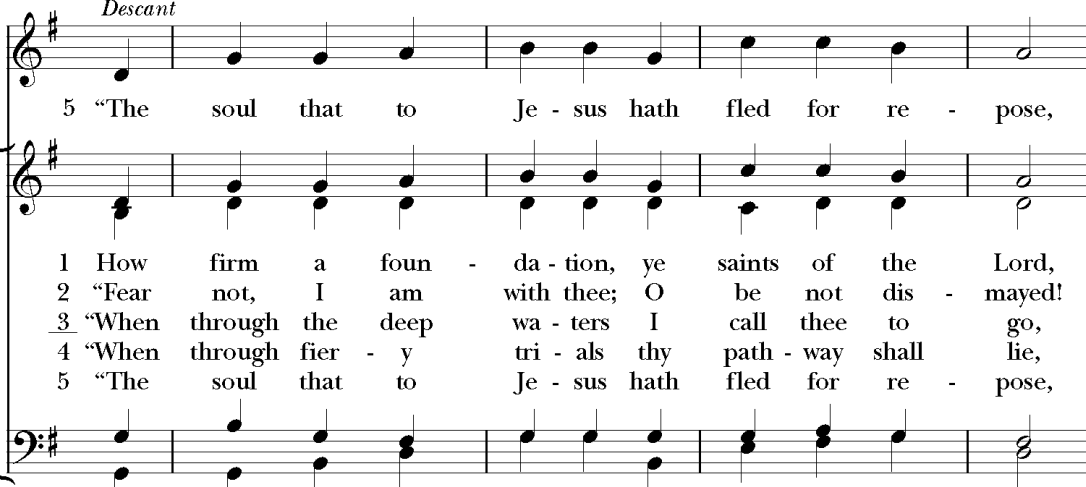
Let us Pray. O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Office of Morning Prayer

### Hymn 637

### *"How firm a foundation"*

*Descant*



5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

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5 soul, \_\_\_\_\_ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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 Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**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.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.**

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.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:  
**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**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.**

### **Acts 17:22-31**

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:7-18, *Jubilate Deo***

**Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

**Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

**For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

**You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

**You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

**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.**

**I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

**Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

**I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.**

**If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

**But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.**

### **A Reading from The Gospel of John.**

#### **John 14:15-21**

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."



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

**Hymn 365**

***"Come thou almighty King"***

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,  
help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-  
our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy  
in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence ev - er - more; thy sov-ereign ma - jes - ty may we in  
at - ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess; stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.  
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

**The Sermon**

**Father Jim Seipel**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**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**

Let us pray the prayer our Lord, himself taught us when he said:

**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.**

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding  
Bishop, and John and Diane, our Bishops, and for all  
bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

For Donald, our President, and Gavin, our Governor, and for  
all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed, eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(A period of Silence is kept. Please add your petition and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.)*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord:

**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 Easter Collect**

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.**

*Additional Prayers as needed.*

Let us bless the Lord!! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**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.**

## Hymn 365

## ***"Holy Father, great Creator"***

*Descant*

4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,  
2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic  
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion  
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,  
hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,  
from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,  
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,  
meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,  
fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,  
ev - every tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

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great Je-ho-vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.  
 dear Re-deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.  
 Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.  
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

## **Final Blessing and Dismissal**

### **Postlude**