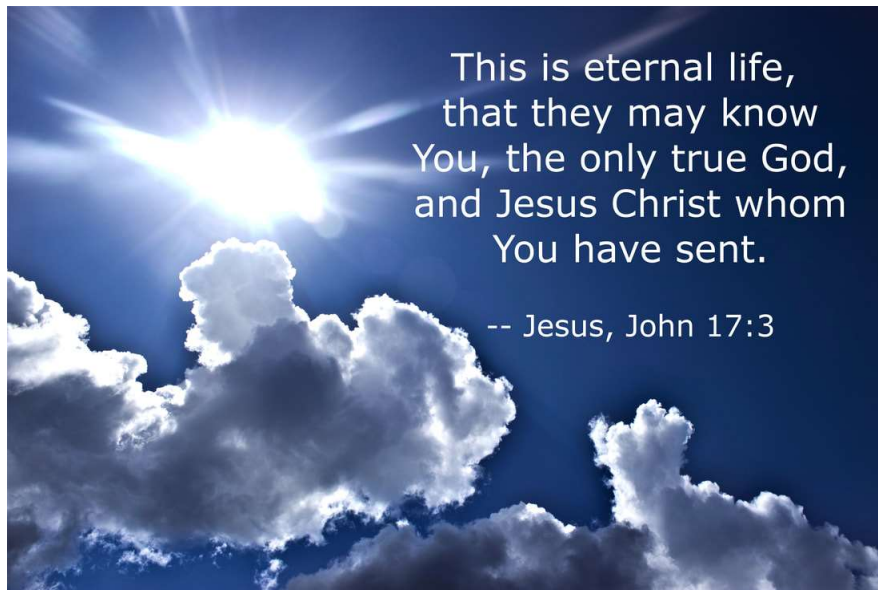


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Year A
The Sunday after the Ascension
May 24, 2020



"When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight."



"Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.""

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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 215 *"See the Conqueror mounts in triumph"*



1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the
3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful
While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals
part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger
God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in



high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

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, 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.**

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

**Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.**

**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.**

**But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
*
let them also be merry and joyful.**

**Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

**Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!**

**God gives the solitary a home and brings forth
prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

**O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,**

**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.**

**You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your
inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

**Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision
for the poor.**

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

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

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

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

A Reading from The Gospel of John.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 213 *"Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise"*

Unison or harmony



1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart,
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.
3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

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, especially Willie Kahaiali'I, 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 563

"Go forward, Christian Soldier"

Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, be - neath his ban - ner true;
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, fear not the se - cret foe;
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, nor dream of peace - ful rest,
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, fear not the gath-ering night:

the Lord him - self, thy Lead - er, shall all thy foes sub - due.
far more o'er thee are watch - ing than hu - man eyes can know:
till Sa - tan's host is van - quished and heaven is all pos - sessed;
the Lord has been thy shel - ter; the Lord will be thy light.

His love fore - tells thy tri - als; he knows thine hour - ly need;
trust on - ly Christ, thy Cap - tain; cease not to watch and pray;
till Christ him - self shall call thee to lay thine ar - mor by,
When morn his face re - veal - eth thy dan - gers all are past:

he can with bread of hea - ven thy faint - ing spi - rit feed.
heed not the treach-erous voic - es that lure thy soul a - stray.
and wear in end - less glo - ry the crown of vic - to - ry.
O pray that faith and vir - tue may keep thee to the last!

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude