

MORNING PRAYER
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2020



OPENING SENTENCE

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: 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**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER *Pascha nostrum*

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.

THE PSALMS APPOINTED

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

¹ The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
² He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
³ Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
⁴ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; *

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁵ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

⁶ Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

² Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *

bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen***

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM ACTS 17:22-31

Then 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

CANTICLE: A SONG TO THE LAMB

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.

A READING FROM 1 PETER 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the

spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #488: BE THOU MY VISION



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 14:15-21

"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 Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE SERMON

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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, *who are in heaven*
hallowed by 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the source of all life, saying God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the grace of his holy and life-giving resurrection.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. And we pray for churches in our Diocese especially: Church of the Saviour, Jackson, St. Matthew's, Kernersville, and St. James', Kittrell.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That all creation may be made new; that peace may be restored to Jerusalem and to all places of turmoil and conflict.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That all who govern and hold authority in the nations of this world may strive for justice, seek peace, and promote the wellbeing of all their people.

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That with truly thankful hearts we may rejoice in all our blessings.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, may be comforted and strengthened, especially the following members of our parish family: Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Bob, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Janet, Bob, Andy & Barrie, Ed, Jim, and Joseph. That all who mourn may be comforted especially those who have lost family members and friends due to the Corona Virus. That those who are sick, may know your comforting and healing presence; that the health of nurses and doctors may be guarded as they provide care; and others for whom our prayers are desired.

The people may add their own petitions

Let us pray.

God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

That light perpetual may shine upon all the departed.


The people may add their own petitions

Let us pray.


God of peace and joy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**


HYMN #292: O JESUS, CROWNED WITH ALL RENOWN




1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy




trod, thou reign - est, and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breath
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the boun - teous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: that we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Janet Edwards, Bob Snyder, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Ed Eastman, Jim von St. Paul, and Joseph Riddick.

We pray for those in our parish family unable to join us in worship: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, and Tom Vail.

And others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Leonel Alvarado, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Tammy Mack, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Colin & Jimena McNease, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurllocks, the Tuckers, John Thompson, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, the families of Charles Krigbaum and David Boe, Dick Clapp, and Laura Merrill.

Pray for all doctors and nurses. Pray for all service workers. Pray for inmates.