

**Morning Prayer, Rite II**  
**Saint John's Episcopal Church**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

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

**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.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him. 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.

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

**The Psalms Appointed**

**Psalm 148** *Laudate Dominum*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
 praise him, all you shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
 and you waters above the heavens.  
<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
 for he commanded, and they were created.  
<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.  
<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*  
 fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
 creeping things and wingèd birds;  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
 princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \*  
 old and young together.  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
 for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

### **Psalm 149** *Cantate Domino*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.  
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.  
<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
 and adorns the poor with victory.  
<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
 let them be joyful on their beds.  
<sup>6</sup> Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
<sup>7</sup> To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
 and punishment on the peoples;  
<sup>8</sup> To bind their kings in chains \*  
 and their nobles with links of iron;  
<sup>9</sup> To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
 this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

## **Psalm 150** *Laudate Dominum*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.  
<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
Praise him with lyre and harp.  
<sup>4</sup> Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.  
<sup>5</sup> Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.  
<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

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 First Lesson**

Exodus 18:1-12

Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro took her back, along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been an alien in a foreign land"), and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came into the wilderness where Moses was encamped at the mountain of God, bringing Moses' sons and wife to him. He sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, with your wife and her two sons." Moses went out to meet his father-in-law; he bowed down and kissed him; each asked after the other's welfare, and they went into the tent. Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had beset them on the way, and how the LORD had delivered them. Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the LORD had done to Israel, in delivering them from the Egyptians. Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because he delivered the people from the Egyptians, when they dealt arrogantly with them." And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God.

## **Canticle 8 - The Song of Moses**

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

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 Second Lesson**

John 2:7-17

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world-- the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches-- comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

## **Canticle 21 - You are God** *Te Deum laudamus*

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.

### Hymn 180 He is risen, he is risen!

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## Homily III

The Rev. James P. Biedenharn

### 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**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Officiant: Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **Suffrages B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern them 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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn 195 Jesus lives! thy terrors now

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er,  
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to  
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his  
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the

death, ap - pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know  
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide,  
love shall sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
world is giv - en: may we go where he has gone,

thou, O grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
glo - ry to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
tear us from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
rest and reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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.

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

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*