

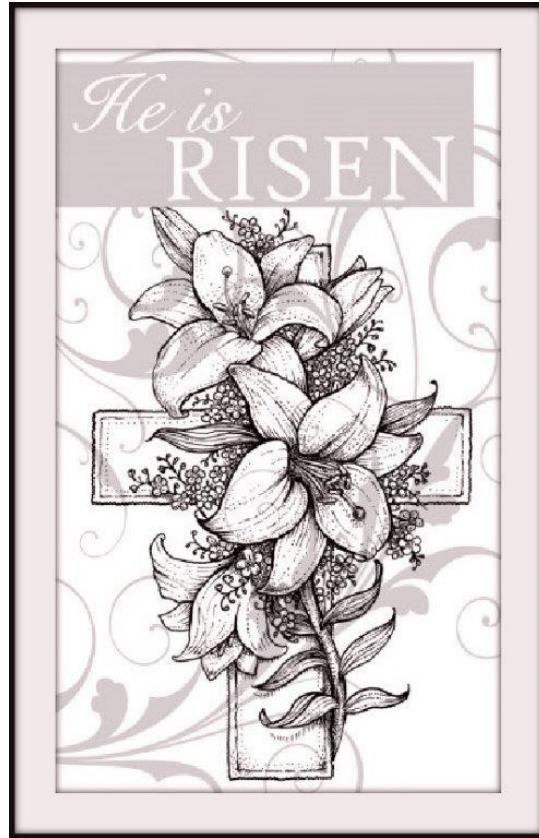
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

May 17, 2020



WELCOME TO THE BODY OF CHRIST, ST. PAUL'S
We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today.

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DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II 10:30 A.M.

We invite you to sing along!

PRELUDE

If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

OPENING HYMN

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398

1 I sing the almighty power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant:

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

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!

ANTIPHON

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

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (*unison*)

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 66:7-18

underline: two syllables to one note; **bold**: two notes to one syllable

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

8 Who holds our / souls in / life, *
 and will not al- / low our feet to / slip.

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

10 You brought us / into the / snare; *
 you laid heavy / burdens up-on our / backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through / fire and / water; *
 but you brought us out / into a place of re- / freshment.

12 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.

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

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

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

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

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

18 Blessed be God, who has not re- / jected my / prayer, *
 nor with- / held his love from / me.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Ho-ly / Spirit,
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for- / ev-er, A- / men.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.”

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 20

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

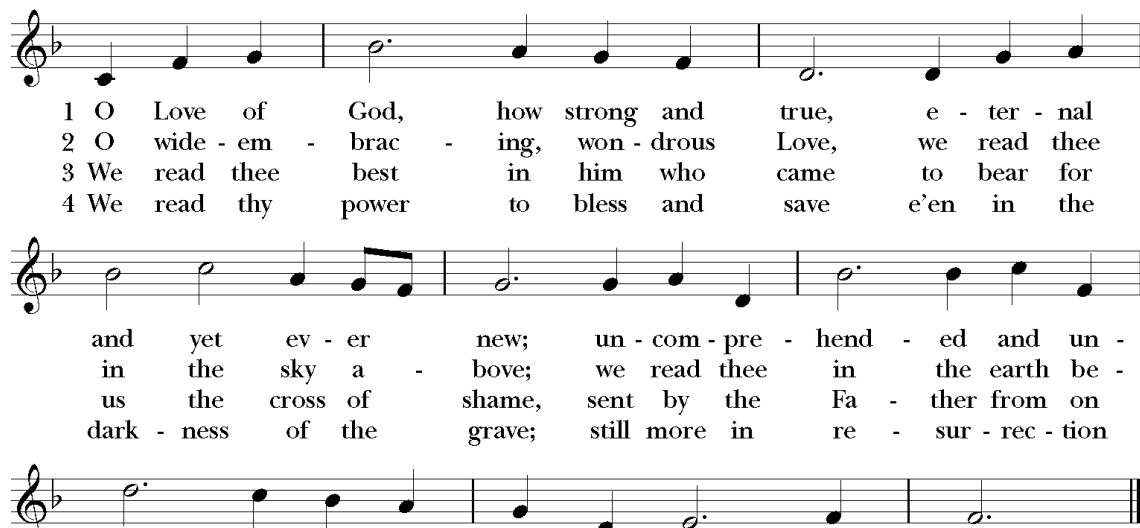
Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal 455



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

THE THIRD READING

Lector: A Reading from the Gospel according to 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."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

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.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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THE PRAYERS

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES A

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant:

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.*

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST DAY OF THURGOOD MARSHALL

(*Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*, p. 375)

Eternal and ever-gracious God, you blessed your servant Thurgood with exceptional grace and courage to discern and speak the truth: Grant that, following his example, we may know you and recognize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to love one another; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARY COLLECT

God of the ages, your Spirit has kindled in the people of St. Paul's love and service for over 175 years. Grant to this body of Christ the strength and courage to continually love and serve you in friend and stranger; that all people may be drawn to you for generations to come; through Jesus Christ, the King of Love. *Amen.*

Please add your thanksgivings, intercessions and petitions in the silence, either silently or aloud.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless this couple. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy.

And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please select a group of names to pray for.

Christy, Mathew, Ryan & family, Ethel, Norma, Riley, Ray, David, Judi, Carolyn B., Nick, Bob, Dave, Eleanor, Peggy, Alan, Sam, Matt, Linda, Kathy, Skip, the Blackburn family, Cathy, Willow, Roxanne, Avery, Sara, Tierra, Ann, and Allen

Bernie, Reeve, Victor, Travis & family, Ben, Kerry, Sally, Diane, Therese, Caleb, Sarah, Nate, Sue, Elijah, Cadin, Bridget, Steve, Ted, Garrett, Elliot, Marcia, Lakshmi in thanksgiving, Cameron, Hannah, Lynn, and Caroline

Carol, Don, Priscilla, Rick, Alison, Rick, Trent, Betsey, Anne, Bruce, Jeannie, the Hawkes family, Sophia, Rhonda, Emily, Steve, Marnie, Dean, baby Thomas, Gair, Laurie, Sharon and family, June and Alan, Annie, Sarah and Carole

- ◊ Pray for the congregations of St. Martin's in Palmyra, St. Andrew's in Winthrop and Winthrop Center Friends' Church (Quaker)
 - ◊ Pray for The Vicarage, families and staff.
- ◊ Pray for Anderson, Andrew, Cedric, Jason, Michael, Richard, and all in the military.
- ◊ Pray for the cousin of Sally Jeanne Kappler, Michael Wallace Herron, who died this week of COVID-19. Rest eternal, grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.
- ◊ Thanksgivings for the birth of Genevieve Leigh, granddaughter of Melanie and Bob Chicoria.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

St. Paul's Virtual Quartet

Carol Kalajainen - Soprano Lois Kwantz - Alto
Al Hipkins - Tenor Larry Kalajainen - Bass

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Officiant: 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. (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

Ministries	10:30 a.m.
Preacher	The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund
Lectors	First Reading: Johanna Wigg Second Reading: Randy Day Third Reading: Cliff Ruprecht
Choir—Quartet	Carol Kalajainen Lois Kwantz Al Hipkins Larry Kalajainen

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The Rev. Katie Holicky, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Mary Lee Wile
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Music Ministry Director

Cliff Ruprecht
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Jane Redlon
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Susan Tyler
Parish Administrator

Johanna Wigg
Junior Warden

Lynn Johnson
Assistant Nursery Caregiver

Carolyn Farr
Administrative Assistant

Aubrey Farmer
Sexton

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Term ending 2022 — Katy Rivera, Charla Spann, Phil Studwell

Term ending 2023 — Carol Martin, Bob Jackson, David Treadwell