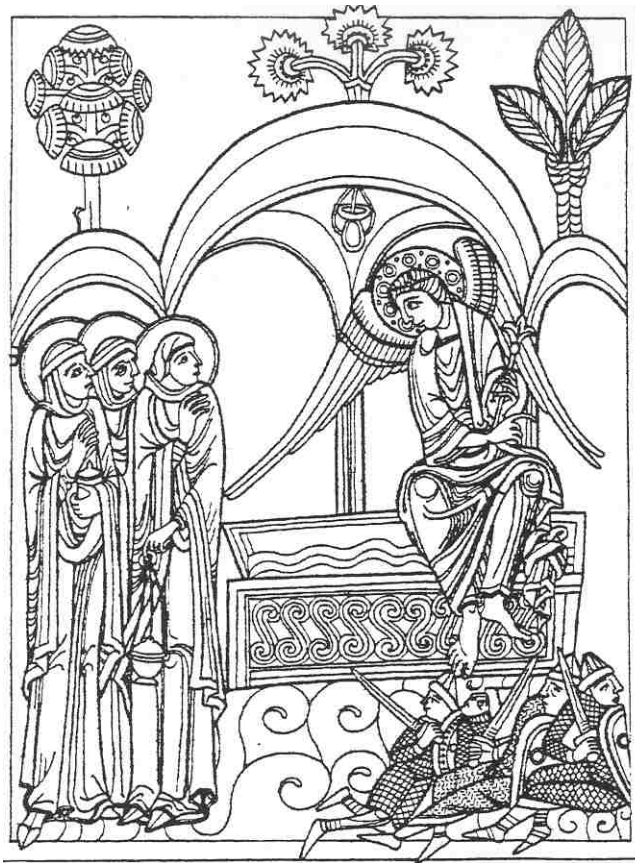


St. Edmund's Episcopal Church
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer

May 24th, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning



Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Officiant/Preacher*

The Rev. Canon Judith Heffron, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Mark Dawson, *Deacon*

The Rev. Heather Blackstone UCC, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Robert Hovencamp, *Organist/Choir Master*

Members of The Choir of St. Edmund's

Rebecca Tomlinson

Kelly Krantz

Joseph Garate

Richard Seymour

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St. Edmund's Events

FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER FOOD COLLECTION

TODAY May 24th

2 pm to 4 pm

St. Edmund's Church Parking Lot

Today we will be collecting much needed items for Foothill Unity Center. This will be a drive through drop off, you will not need to get out of your car as volunteers with gloves and masks will collect items from your trunk or back seat. We are looking for the following items:

Tissues, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Personal Hygiene Products, Feminine Products, Household Cleaning Supplies, Canned goods, ideally with pop top lids, Cup O Soup Noodles, Cup of Ramen, Cat Litter and Cat Food, Grocery Store Gift Cards, Disposable Gloves.

Volunteers are available to pick up donations prior to the food drive from anyone who does not want to leave their house.

Please contact the church at 626-793-9167 to arrange a pick up.

Summer socials will re-zoom!

Although we cannot enjoy our usual summer socials this year due to the pandemic, we can continue to be together as a community. Beginning in early June we will resume our summer socials virtually on Zoom. For more information check St. Edmunds Notes or call the office.

Sacred Musings Podcast

A 5-part series on Christian Spirituality. This podcast, designed for the St. Edmund's congregation but available for all, is now online for you to listen and subscribe. Click on one of the links below:

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LET'S MUZE TOGETHER Tuesday, May 26th 6:30 pm

Listen to the Podcasts and let's meet up and learn together! See Edmunds Notes for more information.

Praying Together

The service of *Compline* will be available on the Saint Edmunds Facebook page live Monday thru Friday starting May 25th at 7:30pm-7:45pm. This is a short prayer service found in The Book of Common Prayer (p. 127) meant to provide peace and assurance of God's presence as we begin to settle in for the evening. If you do not have a Book of Common Prayer, download a pdf version here: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/book_of_common_prayer.pdf

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Rector*

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant 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 Invitatory (*Invitation*)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People say the following

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

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

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

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

The First Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *Answer* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 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.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 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.

- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

At the end of the Psalm is said by all

**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

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

All join in singing the following hymn

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;
see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot,
to his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted
to receive their heavenly King.

2

He who on the cross did suffer,
he who from the grave arose,
he has vanquished sin and Satan;
he by death has spoiled his foes.
While he lifts his hands in blessing,
he is parted from his friends;
while their eager eyes behold him,
he upon the clouds ascends.

3

Thou hast raised our human nature
on the clouds to God's right hand:
there we sit in heavenly places,
there with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in thine ascension,
we by faith behold our own.

The Gospel Lesson

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."

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Reverend Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Rector*

The following anthem is sung by the choir

Anthem

Blessed Assurance
(Knapp/Crosbych)
Richard Seymour, Baritone

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

The Apostles' Creed *(An Ancient Baptismal Creed reminding us of our common baptism as the basis of our common prayer.)*

Officiant and People together

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.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Eastertide Prayers

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray, saying ...**Hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:
For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life. *Leader: Risen Lord, People* **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church, And serve the world through the church.
For those gather here in worship and prayer. *Leader: Risen Lord, People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. We pray especially for those in power—may they make appropriate and effective decisions. We pray also for our first responders and all health care workers throughout our nation and the world. *Leader: Risen Lord, People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for all the children, teachers and parents of St. Edmund's Nursery School and for all students who are finishing up this school year with final exams and those who will be graduating. *Leader: Risen Lord People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those whom we know celebrating their birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions this week. Especially..... *Leader: Risen Lord People* **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle: Especially all those who are affected by Covid-19, financial insecurity and all other trauma caused by this crisis. That the hope born of Easter gives them peace, and brings renewal, *Leader: Risen Lord, People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died: May they have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Leader: Risen Lord, *People Hear our Prayer*

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

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.***

The Collect for Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Prayer for hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, And your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, That through their work many will be restored to health; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Prayer for Memorial Day

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all who have died that we may live, for all who endured pain that we might know joy, for all who made sacrifices that we might have plenty, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom. Turn our deep feeling now into determination, and our determination into deed, that as men and women died for peace, we may live for peace for the sake of the Prince of Peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A moment of silence for individual prayers and thanksgivings

Please keep these members of the community in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Iris, Margaret, Ralph, Toby, Blake A., Iswari C., Janice C., Jeff D., Ellen E., Chuck C. Mimi C. Marguerite H. Michael J. Maria K. Sandy L., Jean L., John M., Edward M., John M., Natalie P., Garret R., Krishan S., Patty T., All who live and work at Villa Gardens.

The General Thanksgiving *Officiant and People*

**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 of St. Chrysostom *(An ancient prayer describing the theology of our common prayer and God's promises to us).*

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.*

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well - pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. *All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor