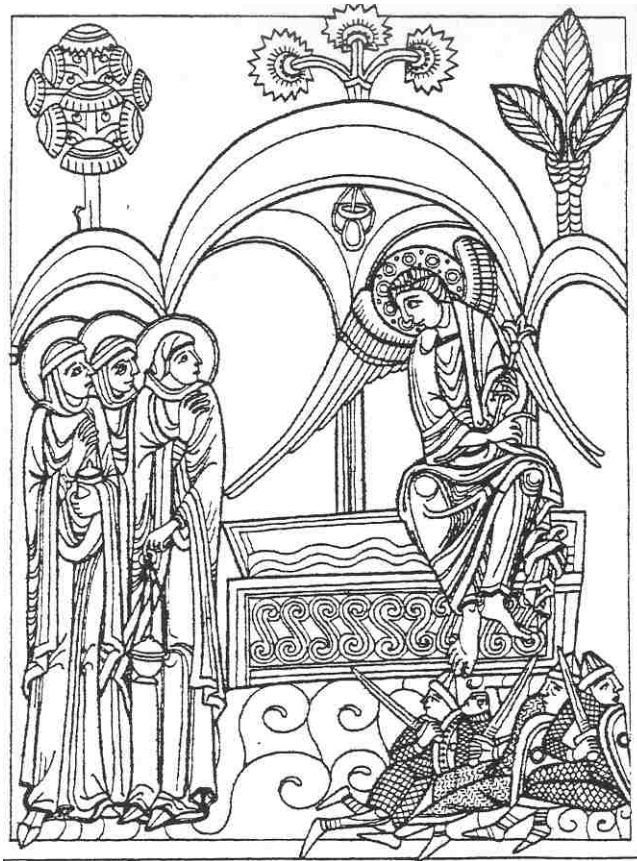


St. Edmund's Episcopal Church
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer

May 10, 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*

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Welcome to the Episcopal Church!

Morning Prayer vs. Holy Eucharist: Why do we do what we do?

*T*raditional Sunday morning worship before sheltering in place orders were instituted would find us gathering in the church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. **Eucharist** is a Greek word meaning “Thanksgiving” and refers to the sacrament of Christ's body and blood (the consecrated bread and wine) ; this is the principal act of Christian worship. Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the bread and cup of wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the bread with his body and the wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of him. Christ's sacrifice is made present by the eucharist, and in it we are united to his one self-offering. The Last Supper provides the basis for the fourfold eucharistic action of taking, blessing, breaking, and sharing. Christ's body and blood are really present in the sacrament of the eucharist and received by faith. Christ's presence is also known in the gathered eucharistic community. The Eucharist is also called *the Lord's Supper*, *Holy Communion*, *the Divine Liturgy*, *the Mass*, and *the Great Offertory*. (Definition adapted from <https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/eucharist>)

Since we are not able to gather on Sunday's to celebrate the Eucharist which would involve receiving the bread and the wine, we provide this Morning Prayer Service. Both the Eucharistic Services and the Morning Prayer services are found in The Book of Common Prayer which is the common book of prayer in all Episcopal Churches. **A free PDF version of the *Book of Common Prayer*, the prayer book of the Episcopal Church can be found here:** https://episcopalchurch.org/files/book_of_common_prayer.pdf

What is Morning Prayer in the Episcopal Church?

*U*se of daily prayers to mark the times of the day and to express the traditions of the praying community is traditional in Judaism and in Christianity. In many times and places, daybreak has been a time of prayer. Jews prayed in their synagogues at sunrise as well as at other times each day. This Jewish pattern of prayer formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or "hours" at seven times in each day. The revision of the Daily Office for the first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number of services to two-one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or vespers). In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer.

Many elements of today's adapted Morning Prayer actually relate back to the ancient monastic hours of *matins*. Morning Prayer once was the chief Sunday service in most Anglican/Episcopal churches on three out of four Sundays, the First Sunday usually being a celebration of Holy Communion. This practice has not continued because the eucharist has been recognized as the "principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day" in most parishes. (Definition adapted from: <https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/morning-prayer>)

Prelude

Attende Domine

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

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 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *All say together*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

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 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

All join in singing the following hymn

Hymn 457

Thou Art the Way, to thee alone

St. James

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L.J. White

*O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother, may I know Thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen*

(Rebecca Tomlinson and Kelly Krantz, Soloists)

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

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.***

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.***

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Holy and gracious God, giver of life, matrix of all being, we give thanks to you for our mothers, not only those who bring us into this world but also those who nurture us. Bless all mothers this day with wisdom and strength, patience and understanding. Guide and sustain them in bringing up children, that they may teach them both by word and example to love whatever is just and true and good, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***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.

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. **All Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Chorale Recessional

Paul Bryan (b. 1950)