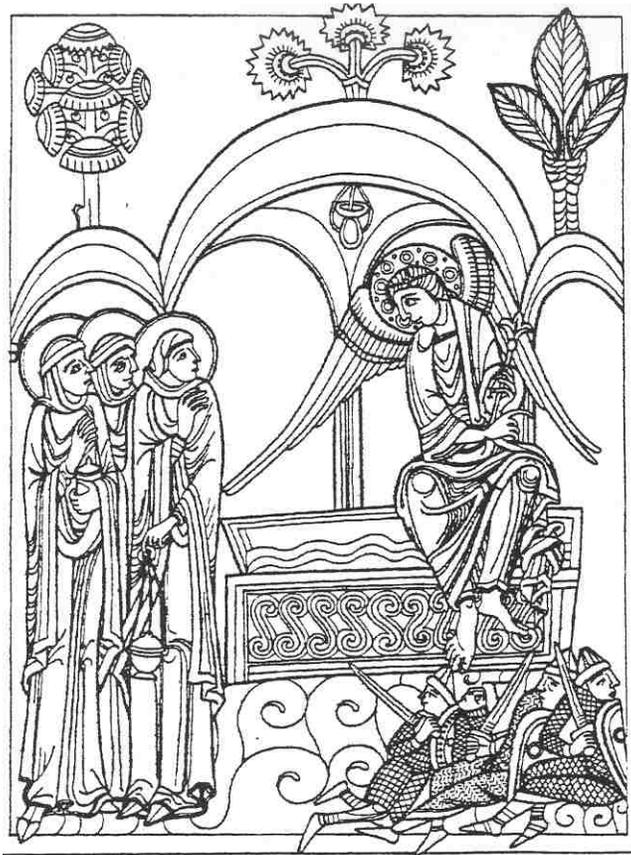


St. Edmund's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer

May 3, 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

Intrada

Alan Viner (b.1951)

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 high - ly ex - alt 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 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *All say together*

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

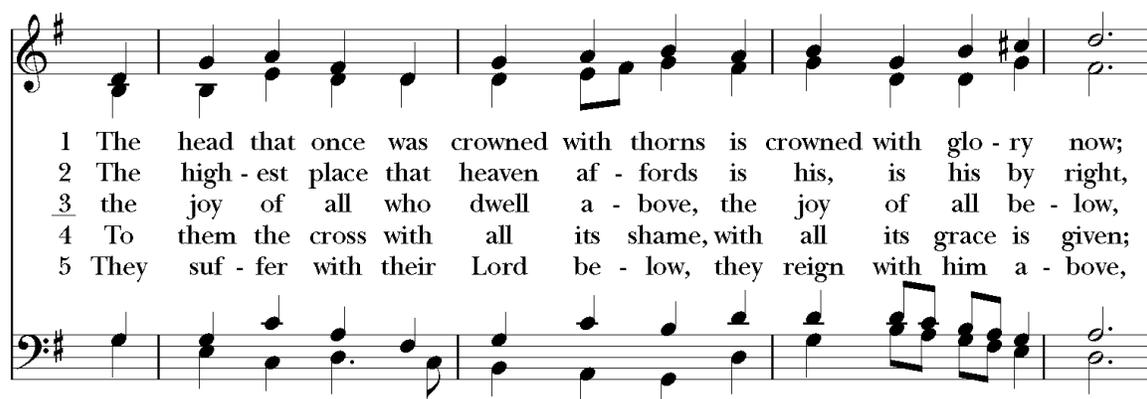
When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

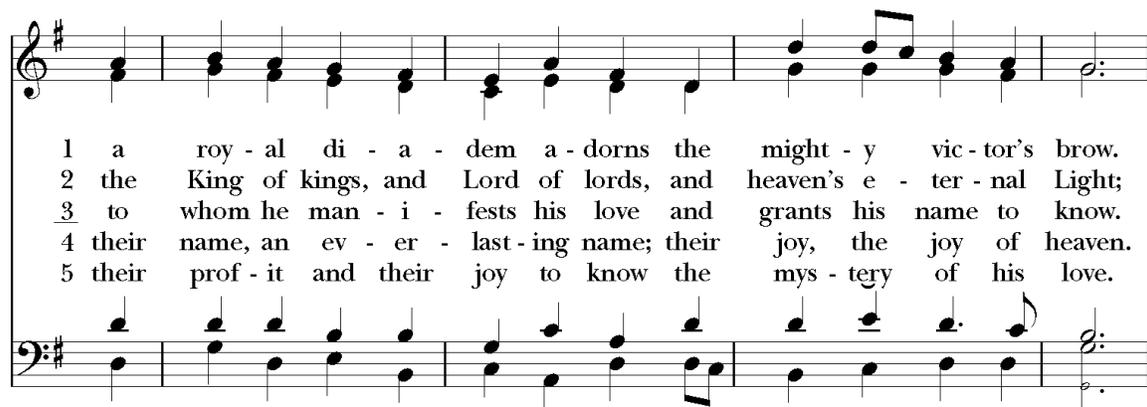
Answer Thanks be to God.

All join in singing the following hymn

Hymn 483 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

The Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

The Lord is My Shepherd

Will Todd

*The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures leads me beside still waters.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.
For when I go through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for you are with me.
Your rod and your staff comfort me.
You are my Shepherd!
Surely your goodness and love in mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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

The people stand or kneel

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 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 Collect for the Parish

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A moment of silence for individual prayers and thanksgivings

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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 Praise the Lord All Together, Ye Christians

J. S. Bach