

Welcome to

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday in Eastertide:

Celebration of Ascension Day

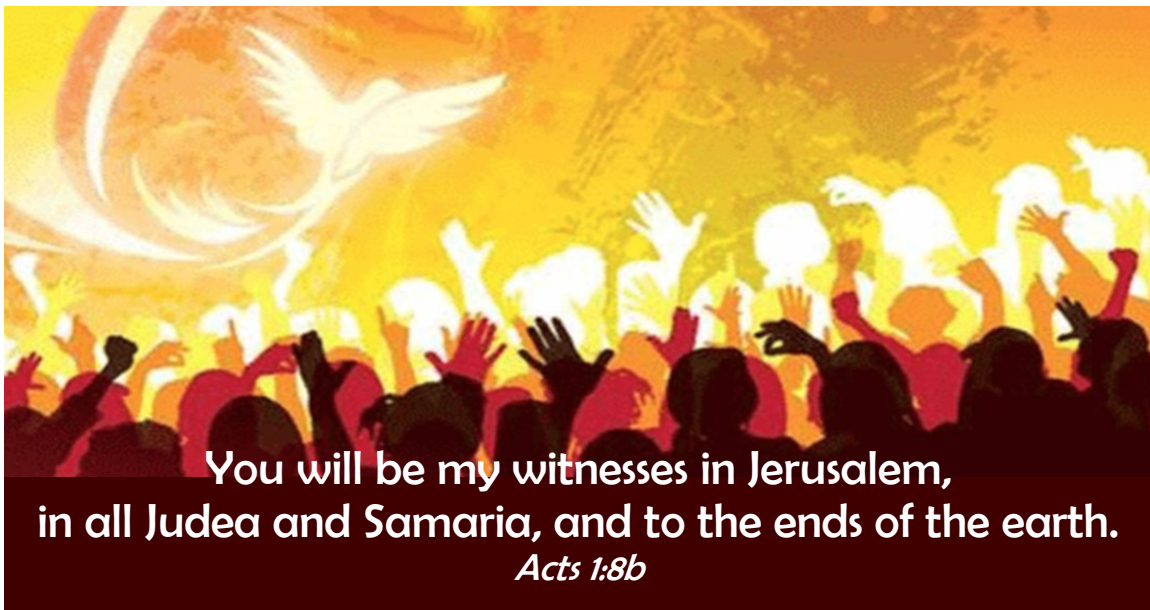
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The Remembrance of Memorial Day

May 24, 2020
9:00 am

Livestream on Facebook

*No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here*



The Word of God with Spiritual Communion

Opening Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise

Hymnal 214



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Salutation

Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

S-280 *Gloria in excelsis*, Setting: Robert Powell (b.1932)

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared;

he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us,

and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us,

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

Gradual Celtic Alleluia



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The Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Together let us pray for those serving in the armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and challenges; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

***We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Remembrance and Blessing for Memorial Day

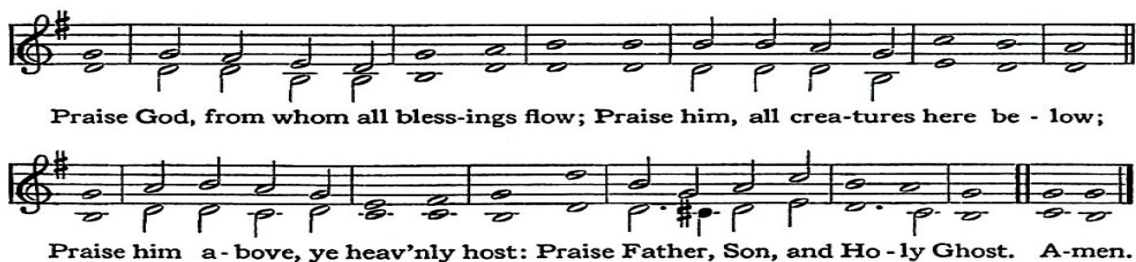
The Offertory Anthem

O beautiful for spacious skies

Hymnal 719

*Stewardship is about the offering of our time, talent and treasure,
and this joyful Eastertide is a time for all of us to be as generous as we are able.
Thank you to those who make the work and ministry of St. John's continue.
We have made it even more convenient for you to offer a reoccurring or one-time gift online.
You will find a "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: www.saint-johns.org*

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise him a - bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
***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.***

Spiritual Communion

Presider It is a tradition during the season of Easter in Episcopal churches to share together in the sacrament of Holy Communion, sharing in Christ's Body and Blood. This year is different, for while Jesus is the Word of God come down from heaven, and we have feasted on that Word, we cannot share in Holy Communion until we come back together in person. Our church allows a person who hungers for Holy Communion to share in its benefits. This is called Spiritual Communion, and it draws us together as the Body of Christ in this world.

Let us pray together a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

Concluding Collect

Presider 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 Blessing

Presider God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring of love be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

(source: Celtic – Enriching our Worship)

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; though the
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Liturgical Leaders

Presider	Rev. Roger Haenke
Preacher/ Spiritual Communion	Rev. Cathey Dowdle
Readers/Responses	Bill Cheney and Lynn Young
Gospel/Dismissal	Rev. Jack and Sarah Tolley
Prayers of the People	Robert Dunn
Psalmist/Vocalist	Jane Ferguson
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Trumpet	Ted Garcia
Video Production	Cliff Berkowitz

From the Prayer Journal of Fr. Jack Tolley

May 25th, Memorial Day, we remember all who have served in our Military Forces, and have passed on. It was called Decoration Day when I was young. We would go the cemetery and place flowers on the graves of loved ones who had served, pray, and remember them, just like we do today.

Here are two beautiful prayers for members of the Armed Forces published in *Forward Day by Day* issues during WWII.

Blessings and love, Fr. Jack.

For those in the service of our country:

Bless, O God, all who have left their homes to fight for the world's freedom, and those who risk their lives to serve. Give them wisdom, courage, and fidelity to the highest. Let no ordeal separate them from the love of Christ. Sanctify the strong, uphold the weak, stretch forth thy gracious hand to the dying, in mercy receive the dead. And hasten the coming of godly peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit, who cometh from thee, O Father, and thee, O Christ, world without end. Amen. (1945)

For the departed:

Almighty Father, who has set within thine own authority the times and seasons which are unknown to us; receive our prayers for thy servants whom death has overtaken in this war. Retain their souls in thy keeping. Pardon all that has been amiss; and draw them nearer and nearer to thyself; for the merits of Jesus Christ our savior. Amen. (1944)

Prayers List

Today and every day include some time for prayer, for yourself,
for your church family, and for those in need.

For our Military

Matt Jensen, Drew Shorkey, Cody Crossland, Cameron Ronie, Chariti Paden, Mark Stanfield,
Sean Robinson, Jonathan Martinez, TK Nguyen, Christopher Lindshield, Timothy Lindshield,
Jeremy Colton, David Sanchez, Jonathan Baldera, Nick Wyatt, Jamal Warner,
Matt Hernandez, Daniel Getreu, Jocelyn Hernandez, Devon Strunk, Taylor Harrold,
Jorge Zuazua, Katherine Milam, Sebastian Morales and Richie Lebron.

For strength in time of need

Scott Hunter, Betty Robertson, Rob McKay, Bill Rogers, Minnie Hernandez,
Barbara Duncan, Lorena Allen, Paul Erickson, Don Banks and Kevin Harms.

Those unable to come to services, but thankful for their continuing connection with Saint John's
especially Lois Miller, Juanita Hart and Paul Erickson.

(Names are kept on the Prayers List for 4 weeks and should be submitted by Wednesday.

If you wish to add a name, please email Maria Love at: maria@saint-johns.org.)

We Are Available in Your Time of Need

If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed,
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