

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 24, 2020

The Service of Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

I love to tell the story

1. I love to tell the story Of un - seen things a -

2. I love to tell the story, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of

best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing To

Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the

hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of

sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true; It

glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill

sat - is - fies my long-ings As noth - ing else would do.

be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and has a basso continuo staff below it. The lyrics 'I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry.' are written below the top staff. The bottom staff is in bass clef and has a treble clef staff above it. The lyrics 'To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je - sus and his love.' are written below the bottom staff.

Text: A. Katherine Hankey, 1831–1911

Tune: HANKEY, 7 6 7 6 D with refrain; William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

Please note that BCP refers to The Book of Common Prayer should you wish to refer to the prayer book.

Officiant: 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.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

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.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER *Pascha nostrum*

BCP 83

Officiant and People

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.

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ has ascended into heaven:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

BCP 676

Lectors: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 68, to be read in unison.

*Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; **
let those who hate him flee before him.

*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.

*But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; **
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
*exalt him who rides upon the heavens; **
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

*Father of orphans, defender of widows, **
God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners
*into freedom; **
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

*O God, when you went forth before your people, **
when you marched through the wilderness,

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.

*You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.*

*Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision
for the poor.*

*Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.*

*He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.*

*Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.*

*How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!*

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:6-14

A Reading from the Book of Acts

When the apostles 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.” 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SOLO: *Lucy Santos Green*

Give me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain:
Give me Jesus.
give me Jesus,
you may have all this world,
give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. [Refrain]

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. [Refrain]

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. [Refrain]

A Reading from the Gospel According to St. John

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.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others

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.*

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.*

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your Name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 226

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.**

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Lord lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we thank you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. We especially give thanks for those celebrating birthdays: *Amy Sheppard, Linda Scales, Sally Griffin, and Menger Morgan.* For those celebrating anniversaries: *Court and Stacey Hooper, Rick and Beth Connolly, and Baxter and Pamela Whitaker.* For the consecration of Frank Logue as the 11th bishop of Georgia. We give thanks for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School and The Claiborne at West Lake. On this day, give us hope, for Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us. We especially pray for those in need of healing: *Kristy Skalak*
For Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears. For the departed; This Memorial Day we remember and give thanks for all who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country. For Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world. For Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Officiant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 102

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.***



1 Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.



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. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20,21*

BLESSING

Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the rich and abundant blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, evermore. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People (Especially children): *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

SERVING TODAY

Officiant	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Lector	Dr. Dave Blake
Musicians	Drs. Brad and Lucy Green
Live stream	Thomas Saunders
Readers	Lee Anna Maynard, Reggie, Henry, and Grady Riser
Dismissal	Alexander, Emerson and Handley Saunders

VESTRY

Fred Hoogland, Sr. Warden, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden

Mallory Halterman, Steven Hahn,

Tab Carter, Bill Leibel