



Holy Cross Episcopal Church / Carlsbad, California

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two
Ascension Day
May 24, 2020

Welcome to Holy Cross Episcopal Church. We are happy that you are here to celebrate with us. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, know that you are welcomed here. Holy Cross is a welcoming, inclusive, open and affirming congregation. We are comprised of and reach out to the young and the old, established members and newcomers, those who are married, divorced, partnered or single individuals, widows and widowers, those who identify as straight and those who identify as LGBTQ, the wealthy and those with limited resources, and families and individuals from any ethnic, cultural or faith background.

Today we continue to join Christians around the world in our celebration of Eastertide: praising God for the miracle of Jesus' resurrection.

Ascension Day is an especially important holy day to observe in a time when many feel God has abandoned us: Ascension points to our ongoing responsibility as the continuing body of Christ in the world.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus de Liguori
*provided for personal use before or after worship because we are not able
to share Holy Communion at present:*

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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

*Responses and unison parts are indicated in **boldfaced italics**.*

Officiant Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven
People ***Come let us adore him. Alleluia***

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. *Acts 1:8*

The Invitatory and Psalter

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.***

In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the following is sung or said.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

read by Dr. Robyn Hill

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the 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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant and People

Alleluia. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

read by Dr. Robyn Hill

- 1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

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.***

The Lessons

A reading from **Ephesians (1:15-23)**

read by Tom Mauro

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

read by Tom Mauro

***I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.***

***The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.***

*This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.*

***The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.***

*The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.*

*The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.*

***Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.***

*Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?*

***You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.***

*With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.*

***You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession.***

***The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.***

*The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.*

***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.***

Officiant 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.

Officiant The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Silence is kept. Then all say the following Canticle.

Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia* read by Sue Sebastian

***O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.***

***Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.***

***Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.***

***All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.***

***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.***

A reading from **Acts** (1:1-11)

read by Rev Richard Hogue, Jr.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon "Where is Christ if not here?"

The Rev. Richard Hogue, Jr.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

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.

Lord's Prayer

*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.*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the Collects

The Collect of the Day

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For those celebrating a birthday (May 24-31)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who are beginning another year, including Sue Baas, Dave Dana and Art Wahl. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

For those celebrating a wedding anniversary (May 24-31)

Eternal God, look with favor upon all who are celebrating a wedding anniversary, especially Barbara and Tom Farley. Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their lives together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. *Amen.*

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger and disease; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Memorial Day

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servants; and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, you will receive them more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, they may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* (BCP p. 253)

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; 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.* (BCP p.823)

For Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP p.839)

Prayers of the People

read by Jack Cater

Leader 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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Bless Father Richard, vicar, his wife Maura, and 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.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal, Fr. Atwood, Tom & Wayne, Nancy, Arlene, Peter, Mary, Sandy, Tom & Ann, Barbara, Julie, MichaelMhead, Bob; Jaimee, DJ & family of Dwayne; Wendy Morray and family, Greyson Morray, Tristan and Ian Morray, Courtney Seitz, Alexandria Garcia, Grant; all who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus, those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit for any reason and those who have no one to pray for them; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to God all who have died, including Dwayne Pittman, Margaret Murphy, Brandon Jenkins, Sidney King, Jr.; those who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 virus, and those who have given their lives for freedom's cause; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Officiant 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.*

Hymn "Home"

written by Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros, 2009

Performed by Camp Steven's staff

The General Thanksgiving

led by Jack Cater

***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

Officiant 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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Ephesians 3:20, 21)

Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Richard Hogue, Jr.*

Readers: *Jack Cater, Dr. Robyn Hill, Tom Mauro, Sue Sebastian*

Thank you to all for your service.

May you know the love of God and be filled with new life.

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Happy Memorial Day to all our Armed Forces past and present!

The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook

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