

Worship Plan for Sunday, May 24, 2020

Ascension Sunday

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two

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OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

All stand

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.

ANTIPHON (BCP p. 80)

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

INVITATORY - PASCHA NOSTRUM (BCP p. 80)

In Easter Week, the following is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.

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.

PSALM: Psalm 47

Please read responsively by half verse.

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

²For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

³He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

⁴He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

⁵God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

⁸God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

*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

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.*

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

One or more sections of this Canticle may be used. Whatever the selection, it begins with the Invocation and concludes with the Doxology.

Invocation

*Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I The Cosmic Order

*Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, **
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

*Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, **
all winds and fire and heat.

*Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, **
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
*Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, **
O shining light and enfolding dark.
*Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

*Let the earth glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
*and all that grows upon the earth, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, **
O whales and all that move in the waters.
*All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, **
and all you flocks and herds.
*O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III The People of God

*Let the people of God glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

*Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
*In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, **
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Dignus es

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

*Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

The people stand.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

⁴⁴[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.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence may follow.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)

Officiant and People together, all standing.

*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

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.*

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;
R. *We praise your Name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 98)

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 THE RENEWAL OF LIFE (BCP p. 98)

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR PEACE (BCP p. 98)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV - BCP P. 388

Deacon or other 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.

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; we pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and for leaders of all nations, 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; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We Pray For: Aberlene, Ralph, Frank, Ana Lupe, Cathie, Alice, Frances, Annie, Landon, John, Dion, Clara, Cory, Mrs. Goloby, Mark, Edward, John, James, Jack & Jean, Gina, Jean, Leyna, Bob, Shannon, Lance, Leigh, Lucia, Angela, Carissa, Pete, Maria Isabel, C.J., Margaret, Gretchen, Mary, Henry, Maricarolyn, David, Anthony, Valerie, and those known privately to us.

We pray for all those afflicted by the COVID-19 virus, those who care for them, the friends and families of those who have lost the battle, and for all doctors, nurses, and medical personnel who are caring for the sick.

We invite your prayers at this time. (*Pause long enough to allow people to offer prayers*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the presiding Bishop, Andy, our Bishop, Mark our Rector and for all Clergy and People.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world and

In the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, we pray **St. Andrew's of Pearland and St. Augustine of Hippo of Galveston.**

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

HYMN Alleluia! sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol) (H 460)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his 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
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

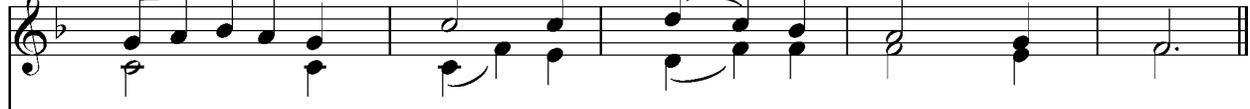
1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



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



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

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 (BCP p. 102)

Officiant and People

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.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

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