

**ST. EDWARD'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**May 24, 2020  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Morning Prayer II**

**From the Book of Common Prayer  
75-102**

*The responses and parts we say together are in Italics.*

**Opening Hymn** Alleluia! Sing To Jesus (vv. 1,3 & 4) Hymnal 460

**Welcome & Introduction** Rev. Mark Lafler

**Opening Verse** B.C.P. 77

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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*

**Confession of Sin** B.C.P. 79

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all yours 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 Invitatory and Psalter**

B.C.P.

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Lord, open our lips.

*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*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.*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Let us say together the Pascha nostrum

B.C.P.

83

*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.*

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 68 (1-10, 33-36)

Let us say together

*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!*

*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**

B.C.P.

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A reading from Acts (1:6-14)

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “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.*

Let us say together Canticle 8

B.C.P.

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*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.*

A reading from 1 Peter (4:12-14; 5:6-11)

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.*

Let us say together Canticle 20

B.C.P.

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*Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

A reading from John (17:1-11)

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.*

**The Sermon**

Rev. Mark A. Lafler

**The Apostles' Creed**

B.C.P.

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Let us stand and say together The Apostles' Creed  
*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**

B.C.P.

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

*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.*

Suffrages A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*And grant us your salvation.*  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*Let your people sing with joy.*  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*For only in you can we live in safety.*  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Let your way be known upon earth;  
*Your saving health among all nations.*  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

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.*

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.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Litany of Healing**

Book of Occasional Services

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Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Ruth G.	MJ S.	Scott H.	Mark W.	Tish K.	Rob W.
Larry B.	Carol M.	Kelly R.	Marianne D.	Troy S.	Rachel B.
Jim H.	Nancy B.	Helen C.	Randall S.	Carole M.	Pat F.
Vinnie L.	Valerie B.	Noah C & Family			

*A moment of silence will be given to name those whom we are interceding for*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;  
*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;  
*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;  
*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

You are the Lord who does wonders:

*You have declared your power among the peoples.*

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

*And in your light we see light.*

Hear us, O Lord of life:

*Heal us, and make us whole.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us pray together the General Thanksgiving

*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 of 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.*

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.*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

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*

**Closing Hymn**      America the Beautiful      Hymnal      719

## **Postlude**

### **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden  
Holy Cross, Winter Haven  
Bethesda Episcopal Church, Lake Nona  
All Souls Episcopal Church, Horizons West  
For our Parish Members Gary and Heather Hopcraft

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jim Rugg 5/25  
Fr. John Crandall 5/25  
Pam Burtnett 5/26  
Michael Fairclough 5/30

On this Memorial Day, you are encouraged to take time to remember and give thanks to God for those who gave their lives for our freedoms in our beautiful nation.



A special thank you for our hymnal accompaniment performed by John Reilly and Mona Thomas. Thank you also to Amanda Burkhalter for filming, editing, and producing our video.

Please reach out to the Church by phone or email if you have a specific need or a prayer request.

Please join us for Compline on Facebook (live) at 8:05 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

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