

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth RI

Spiritually Connecting from our Homes and Hearts

Morning Prayer, Rite Two



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**Call to Worship:** Remain in Me/Permanece en Mi by Sandra T. Montes

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Opening Song:** Crown Him With Many Crowns (*Hymnal #494*)

*Descent*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en-throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crow him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love,

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty,  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## **Christ our Passover**

*Sung by all*

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

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
Death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die  
In Christ's new life, shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Psalm 68:1-10,33-36**

*from the Book of Common Prayer*

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 Lessons**

### **First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14**

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle 1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Lector: 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.

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*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel: John 17:1-11

A reading from the Gospel According to 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."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

The Rev. Meaghan Brower



## Meditation Song: Be Not Afraid by Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low

me, and I will give you rest.

1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

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## 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

### The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

### The Suffrages

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* 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.*

### **Prayers, Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

L: Jesus, you promise to live alongside us, and with God's love and Spirit to dwell within us. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Guard and guide your church, especially St. Mary's as we seek to share your Risen Life and love.

Lord of life,

*People* **in your mercy hear us.**

B: Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, bless all who work at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, strengthen all who provide our food from the farms to the grocery stores, for all in the church who nourish us with your word...

Lord of life,

*People* **in your mercy hear us.**

L: Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, give wisdom and insight to our scientific communities, give immunity to our essential workers, and give patience for all who wait and pray from their homes.

We pray for the members of our church who are serving in medical and nursing facilities and for their families: Karen Stevenson, Sheila Benevides, Amanda Benevides, Trish Culver, Leigh Knapman, Cory Thurston Lallo, Sara Lundberg, Sue Hall, Hugh Hall, Steve Bakios, Elaine Bakios and Jennie Nestlerode.

Lord of life,

*People in your mercy hear us.*

B: Jesus, you go before us, you prepare a place for us and you heal us. We pray for those who need your care and our support remembering especially: Regina, Priscilla, Judith, Bonnie, Fran, Tom, Carol, Amanda and Michael; and for the Naval Chaplain School and its instructors; for those we name aloud. (Pause.)

Lord of life,

*People in your mercy hear us.*

L: Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, give us courage to acknowledge the challenges of this time, to name all that has been lost, and to follow you on the Way.

We pray for all those who are grieving a loss of any kind.

Jesus, Lord of life,

*People in your mercy hear us.*

B: Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for those who rest in your peace, and for all the departed. Especially for Cassandra (Cassie) Helms who was buried Thursday and Jim Danielson who died last week. For those we remember aloud. (Pause)

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

*People* in your mercy hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.  
**Amen.**

**A Prayer for Memorial Day**  
*From Enriching our Worship 3*

*Officiant and People*

**God the king of Glory, in whose hands are the living and the dead:  
We give you thanks for all those who have laid down their lives in  
the service of our country. We pray for the men and women of our  
armed forces and for the families who support them. Grant them  
your mercy and the light of your presence; give us a sense of your  
will and purpose, that we may understand that the work you have  
begun in them will be perfected through Jesus Christ, the Prince of  
Peace, in whom all strife is resolved. Amen.**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

*Officiant* God who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

**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  
 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 scap - 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 scap - 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.

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