

Sunday, April 19, 2020



BCP Service of the Word

Let us pray. [BCP p 622](#)

Lord, teach us to pray.

Lord, keep our thoughts from wandering.

**Lord, cleanse our hearts that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him. [Ps 96:9](#)

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is near. [Isaiah 55:6](#)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**O Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned greatly against thee in
thought, and word, and deed, and have done that which is wrong in thy sight.**

Forgive us our sins, and give us grace always to resist temptation and to do thy holy will; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our Sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen**

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's name be praised.

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 16

- 1 PRESERVE me, O God, / **for in thee have I put my trust.**
- 2 I have said unto the LORD, 'Thou art my God: / **I have no good apart from thee.'**
- 3 All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, / **and upon such as excel in virtue.**
- 4 But they that run after another god / **shall have great trouble.**
- 5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, / **neither make mention of their names within my lips.**
- 6 The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: / **thou shalt maintain my lot.**
- 7 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: / **yea, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 8 I WILL thank the LORD for giving me counsel; / **my heart also instructeth me in the night-season.**
- 9 I have set the LORD always before me; / **for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.**
- 10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; / **my flesh also shall dwell in safety.**
- 11 For why? thou wilt not leave my soul to hell; / **neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.**
- 12 Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, / **and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in

him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed. [BCP p 624](#)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen**

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen**

Collect of the day

Let us pray.

O God,

Our beginning and our end:

accept our doubts,

heal our desire for certainty

and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,

Make us a people forgive and forgiving;

through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.

O Lord God, who hast bidden light to shine out of darkness, and who hast again wakened us to praise thee for thy goodness and to ask for thy grace: Accept now the offering of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be acceptable to thy holy will. Make us to live as children of the light, and heirs of thy everlasting kingdom. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies, thy whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, and all in our family, wherever they may be, who stand in need of thine aid. Pour down upon us all the riches of thy grace, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, we may ever praise thy wonderful and holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *BCP p 729*

please name those who are in need of prayer

Almighty God and heavenly Father, who hast in wisdom seen fit to withhold from us at this time thine accustomed bounty; We most humbly praise thee for still bestowing upon us far more than we deserve. Make us truly thankful for our many blessings; increase in us more and more a lively faith and love, and a humble submission to thy blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *BCP p 619*

O Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget thee, but remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *BCP p 731*

*please remember to mail in your offering to the church or
consider using the Pre-Authorized Debit system*

Let us pray.

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down thy heavenly blessing upon thy Church in this Parish, that all its members may dwell together in unity and love. Keep far from us all self-will and discord. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness, and enable them faithfully to dispense thy holy Word and Sacraments, to bring again the outcasts, and to seek the lost. Grant that we may so receive their ministrations, and use thy means of grace, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *BCP p 736*

O God, Most High and Holy Three in One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: We offer to thee this day Ourselves, our souls and bodies, To be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; To whom be all praise and glory. **Amen** [BCP p 729](#)

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen**

[Readings for next Sunday – April 26 2020](#)

Third Sunday after Easter

[Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17;](#)

[1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.](#)