

Sunday, May 10, 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 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 31:1-6. 18-19

- 1 IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; / **let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.**
- 2 Bow down thine ear to me; / **make haste to deliver me,**
- 3 And be thou my strong rock and house of defence, / **that thou mayest save me.**
- 4 For thou art my strong rock and my castle: / **be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.**

- 5 Draw me out of the net that they have hidden
for me; / **for thou art my strength.**
- 6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; / **for
thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.**
- 18 My times are in thy hand; / **deliver me from
the hand of mine enemies, and from them that
persecute me.**
- 19 Show thy servant the light of thy countenance,
/ **and save me for thy mercy's sake.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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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 14:1-14

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house, there are many places to stay. If not, I would have told you; for I am going to prepare a place for you. And when I go and prepare your place, I am coming again and taking you to myself, so that where I am, you may be also. And where I am going, you know the way. Thomas said to him: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him: 'It is I who am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father if not through me. If you all had known me, you will know my father also; and from now on you do know him and you have seen Him.' Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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.

Generous God,

whose life is freely given

in Jesus Christ our Lord:

as you have opened for us

your house of many rooms,

so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved,

and share in the work of peace;

through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. 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 – May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.