



Morning Prayer
Wednesday May 12, 2021
Wednesday in the Sixth Week of Easter
Rogation Day
10 am on Zoom

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has
become new!* [2 Corinthians 5:17]

Opening Sentence

Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia

Opening Prayer

God of steadfast love: Turn our hearts to you, that we may once again delight in your goodness and rejoice in the good news of the risen Christ; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Confession

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen**

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Invitatory Canticle: Christ our Passover:

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

*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 148:1-2, 11-14

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

The First Lesson: A Reading from The Book of Acts [17:15, 22-18:1]

¹⁵Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’ 32 When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’ ³³At that point Paul left them. ³⁴But some

of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them. 18After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

A Song of Faith 1 Peter [1:3-4, 18-21]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us * was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, * the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

The Second Lesson: The Gospel of John [16:12-15]

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you..

The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children forever.
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.**

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

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear our cry, O God. **And listen to our prayer.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior; **R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation; **R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations; **R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Day

O Lord, you have given us the grace to know the resurrection of your Son: Grant that the Holy Spirit, in love, may raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People for Rogation Days

In thanksgiving and praise for the beauty and abundance of our universe, let us pray to our gracious God, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the wind, let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior.

Let the people praise you, O God: **Let all the peoples praise you**

The earth has brought forth her increase;

May God give us his blessing and may all the earth stand in awe.

Let us give thanks to God: For the beauty of your world, the glory of starlit skies, the wonder of the changing seasons, and the miracle of new life all around us.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the privilege of sharing with you in the act of creating the good things of earth

We give you thanks, O God.

For the people who have led us, guided us, shared their lives with us, especially our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and stepmothers,

We give you thanks, O God.

For the Christ of the country road, who walked in the land of Galilee, and who today walks the country roads of the world in comradeship with all who till the soil,

We give you thanks, O God.

That it may please you to grant a just and lasting peace in all the earth, that all peoples may again beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, grateful for the lands you have given us.

We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it will please you to fill us with your Spirit, that we may fulfil your purpose for Trinity in our search for a new Rector. **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

That it may please you, by the light of your presence to strengthen those who feel weak in body or soul., especially those we now name, silently or aloud.

We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please you to send the fire of your Spirit upon your people, especially upon women who are struggling to become mothers and to manage the duties of being mothers, that they may bear faithful witness to your life-giving presence.

We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

To the renewal of love and labor in every garden, especially in our Garden Without Walls, that all people will share with joy in sowing the seeds and in reaping the harvest of the Kingdom of God, **We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord.**

To a renewed appreciation for the Holy Earth and its resources,

We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord.

To solidarity with working people throughout the world and to serving them with all the gifts and graces you have bestowed on us. **We dedicate our lives, O God.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the universe. All the creation praises you. Be with us now and bless the work of those who labor in the fields to produce food for the world. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation. We ask your blessing on the pastures and meadows, and on our gardens, especially our Good News Gardens. May the soil be wholesome and the crops and flowers thrive. May the weather be favorable and the workers of good heart. May you—our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier--be with us and among us and around us now and forevermore. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Discernment

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life: As the gift of this new day unfolds, open our hearts and minds to you, that we may see you clearly and follow where you lead; to you, risen Savior, we offer praise, now and always **Amen.**

A Prayer for Wisdom

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Loving God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive in our world, our church and our hearts. Renew and strengthen us in the risen life we share in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

A Prayer in Time of Transition

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of over 575, 000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for an End to Racism

Lord, Jesus Christ who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives, help us to break down the

barriers in our community and to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.**

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to fulfill his purpose, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**