

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 15, 2022 10:00 a.m.**  
**Morning Prayer Rite II**



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## DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

### Prelude

**Opening Hymn**                    *I come with joy to meet my Lord*                    H 304

**Opening Acclamation**                    BCP 77

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

**The Confession of Sin**                    BCP 79

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

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.

**The Absolution**                    BCP 80

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Invitatory**                    BCP 81

**Officiant**                    Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

*People*                    *Come let us adore him. Alleluia.*

## The Venite

S 35

Come let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Psalm

*Lay Reader*

Psalm 148

BCP 805

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## **The First Reading Acts 11:1-18**

### *Lay Reader*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**The First Song of Isaiah** *(Sung)*

BCP 86

*Officiant and People*

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

from the springs of salvation

and on that day you shall say,

"Give thanks to the Lord  
and call upon his name."

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord,

for he has done great things

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;  
ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.

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 Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6**

*Lay Reader*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn**

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

H 487

## **A Reading from the Gospel of John 13:31-35**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer.

You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord

*People Thanks be to God*

**The Sermon**

Cris Turnage

**The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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 Peace**

BCP 360

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

BCP 376

Officiant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Meditation

Gary Mather

## The Presentation

*Doxology*

H 380 v. 3

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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 B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. *We praise your name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

*Intercessor*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

Officiant

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

BCP 101

*Officiant and People*

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 for 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.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

BCP 102

*Officiant and People*

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.*

## **The Closing Sentence**

BCP 102

*Officiant*

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**

*In Christ there is no East or West*

H 529

## **Postlude**

## St. Thomas Prayer List May 15, 2022

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

**Parishioners:** Midge Bennett; Richard Boulay; Sarah Creech; Judy Gettys; Ceil Hamilton; Larry Lehman; Gary Mather; Rosa McGowin; Brenda Morton; Marion Norman; Mickey Worthington.

**Family and Friends of Parishioners:** Melissa Adams; Jeff Andrews; Mary Ann Arierson; Ed & Hope Hendricks-Bacon; Lydia Bailey; Kim Ballard; Susan Bargainer; Emma Black; Johnny Boutwell; Janet Brolund; Tony & Peggy Campolo; Anne Bailey Cates; Sarah Sewell Chapman; Lincoln Chesser; Deborah Crews; Sarah Berry-Dove; Dale Gates; Ethan Gentry; Melanie Gentry; Lucy Gosa; Teresa Green; Jeremiah Hamm; Johnny & Deanna Hamm; Butch & Cass Hamrick; Deacon Hatton; Pamela Holp; Velma Huggins; Chalice Hutchins; Kirk Johnson; Kat Kinman; Carol Ann Lemkau; Virginia Matthews; Roland McClune; Darren McGilberry; Donnie & Mary Helen McGough; Lucrecia Middleton; Michael Moore; Thane Myles; Carol Norton; Michael Owens; Glenda & Haywood Parrish; Kay Parrish; Elizabeth Renner; Mack & Joy Russell, Sr.; Priscilla Solomons; Tricia Spencer; Edwin Steimling; Edwin-Clair Steimling; Christi Stewart; Gale Till; Austin Tucker; Dusk Tucker; Micah Waddell; Ellen Warren; MaryEllen Warren. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church Parish, Pensacola, the United Thank Offering, and the Atmore Community Work Center, Atmore.

## Announcements

**Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**-Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m.- Breakfast

9:00 a.m.- Children's and Adult's Sunday School

9:40 a.m.- Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:15 a.m.- Choir Practice

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** -Senior Recognition Day celebrating Stirling Hamilton IV.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** Lay Assistant Training Meeting 9 a.m.

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** Convocation IV Youth Event, Waterworld in Dothan

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** Parish Kickball Game following worship

**Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** Convocation IV Youth Event, Butter & Egg in Troy

### **Birthdays this week:**

Sarah Smith, May 15

### **Anniversaries this week:**

Jim & Lucy McGowin, May 17

### **Worship Leaders Today**

Dent Neilson and Cemira Powell, *Lay Assist Ministers*

Tammi Edwards, *Lay Reader*

*Altar Guild*

Ann Garrett, Lori Neilson, Janis Odom

Tom Braxton, *Flower Guild*

Mints McGowin, *Usher*

Staci Anderson, *AV Tech*

Tammi Edwards, *Lay Eucharistic Visitor*

Cris Turnage, *Lay Preacher*