

Morning Prayer on the Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021 9:00am

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted;

People We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

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People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Pascha Nostrum said together

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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.

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

Psalm 133 BCP p. 787

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: life forever more.
- 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 for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35

New Living Translation

³² All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Officiant The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses Cantemus Domino

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I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;

the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods?

who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;

with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

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 for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel according to John 20: 19-31

Common English Bible

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Officiant The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Reflection

The Apostles' Creed Officiant and people together.

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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 BCP p. 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessory Prayers A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.

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

The Prayer of the Day

O God of Easter glory, help us who have not seen, to believe; send us, as you have sent Jesus, to greet the world with the Easter word of peace, and to share with all, the Spirit's new life of forgiveness. We ask this through the Lord Jesus, our Passover and our Peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sundays

O God, you make us glad, with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Central New York, we pray for the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Candor and their priest The Rev. Geraldine Bissell Thompson, and for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church, Cape Vincent and their priest, The Rev. Lisa Busby. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Santiago de Jerusalén, El Carmen, Usulután, and their priest, The Rev. Antonio López. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Idaho and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Brian J. Thom. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and their bishop The Most Reverend James Richard Wong Yin Song.

A Prayer for the mission of the Church

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen*.

The General Thanksgiving

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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.

The Officiant concludes with one of the following

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