



JOHN'S GOSPEL

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
May 17, 2020

The Sixth Sunday after Easter

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are
at the front of *The Hymnal*.

The Preparation

The Processional Hymn

He Lives

LEV #42 &42a

Opening (*standing*)

BCP, 39

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture,
or with the versicle "O Lord, open thou our lips" on page 42.*

Easter Season, including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ
sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but
into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. *Hebrews 9:24*

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses
unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
earth. *Acts 1:8*

Gloria

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The General Confession (*kneeling*)

BCP, 41

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to
render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most
worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those
things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in
heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

or this Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Absolution

BCP, 42

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for
"you" and "our" for "your."*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Versicles (*standing*)

BCP, 42

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Except in Lent, Alleluia may be added.

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13

BCP, 44

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, * and with righteousness to judge the world and
the peoples with his truth.

or Psalm 95, page 146

Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

- 7 **B**less our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.

- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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 Word of God

The First Lesson (*sitting*)

See readings

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
A Reading (Lesson) from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

 The Word of the Lord.
Answer Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here endeth the Lesson (Reading)

1st Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For 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. The 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, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything,

since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From 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, so 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. For ‘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.’

Since 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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because 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.”

Silence may be kept after each Reading.

One of the following Canticles, or one of those on pages 85-95 (Canticles 8-21), is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.

A Song of Praise (*standing*)

BCP, 49

2 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

The Second Lesson (*sitting*)

See readings

2nd Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Apostle's Creed

BCP, 53

Officiant and People together, all standing
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 text of the Creed on page 96 may be used instead.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel
Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant *Let us pray.*

The Lord's Prayer (*kneeling*)

BCP, 54

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.

I Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

Suffrage A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

BCP, 55

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
 V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
 R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day
 Collects and Prayers (2)

See readings
 BCP, 56

St. Paul's Prayer List

Miles Hall, Jr.	Rayda Neswick	Walter Rotsch
Mallory Bromley Houseman	Amanda Watt	Anne Breitenstein
Jenny Guth	Allan Anderson	Cayden, Whitney and Tyler
Cheryl Blanchard	Rosie Hurst	Legrand
Charlie Pieper	Kenric Marshall	Timothy Ruehlen
Jay Todd Cleaver	Peggy Lane	Jerry and Petroula Ruehlen
Virginia Watson	Fawn Welborn	The Woodley's
Tom Freeland	Leona Fields	Ester Jeans
Margaret Ebarb	Jaimie Geis	Barbara Kelin
Father Bob	Betsy Phillips	Sharon Childress
Becca Hagan	Bobbie Carson	Joyce Giblin
David Silk	Robert Cheek	David Haley
Todd Hurst	Sabine Lamar	Gary Outenreath
Robin Kump		

Please Pray for the Family of Jace Prescott

Military: Prayers : All Military persons deployed in dangerous areas.

Pray for all people suffering with a an illness and , Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, All first responders, and the unemployed.
 Ann Jackson, Talbert Meadows, Thad and Regina. Tracy Underwood, Delores Cleaver, Sidney, Jacquie Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Nancy Ellis, Cathy Tompkins, Ross, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Bella, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading , Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Rachel Guy, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim and Chris Griffin, Daisy Guillotte, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpauir, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, George Schroeder, Kathleen, Dominic Abshire, Kenny Slaughter, Justin Morvant, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Jesse Mae Pujol, Steve Rogers, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Mickie Davis, Anthony Sparacino, Jim Racca, James Poole, Sharon Stanley, Laura Pachuca

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Missions

BCP, 58

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

or the following

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

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

The Offertory

Because He Lives

LEV #43

The General Thanksgiving

BCP, 58

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks

for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

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. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy
Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

A Prayer of Chrysostom

BCP, 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common
supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three
are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the
desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the
preceding versicle and response.*

The Grace

BCP, 59

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

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Recessional Hymn

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