

The Episcopal Church of St. Simon & St. Jude  
*To welcome, to rejoice and to be Jesus in the World*

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Morning Prayer Rite II

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Prelude                      Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain                      Theodore Beck

Hymn 205                      Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!                      *Gelobt sei Gott*

- 1    Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
    To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2    The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;  
    let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3    Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
    and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*    Lord, open our lips.

*People*      And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

*All say in unison*

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## The Psalm

### **Psalm 16** *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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

*Reader* A lesson from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith -- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire -- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader* Here ends the lesson.

Hymn 212

Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

*Richmond*

- 1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;  
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.
- 2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet;  
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
- 3 those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,  
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

## **The Gospel**

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God

## **The Homily**

## **Musical Meditation**

## The Apostles' Creed

*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 Prayers

*Officiant* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence  
as our Savior taught us

*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.

- 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 Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect 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*

### *A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *Collect for Mission*

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

### *Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings*

I bid your prayers for the Church, for Michael, our presiding bishop, Andrew our bishop and all who minister in every capacity.

I bid your prayers for our nation and all those in authority, especially Donald our president, Henry our governor, and all who serve in Congress and the Statehouse.

I bid your prayers for Fred, Kristen, Dick, Mike, Lauren, Judy, Stephanie, Erinn, Laura, Carol, Marge, Edie, Louis, Beth, Shelby, and those we now name, either in our hearts or on our lips.

I bid your prayers for our local community, especially homeless, the friendless and those

in recovery.

I bid your prayers for those who are in discernment for Holy Orders, especially Beth, our seminarian.

I bid your prayers for those celebrating birthdays: Daniel Zion, Anne Burke, Richard Broughton and Neal Clamp.

I bid your prayers for this congregation, its vestry and for those working on the RenewalWorks team.

I bid your prayers for those who have died, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ.

*A Prayer for Times of Sickness and Peril (by Ken Armstrong)*

O God, our protector whose encompassing love is both our refuge and our strength, we your children urgently need your aid against a sickness that imperils all your people. We pray that in your great love and mercy you will protect and spare us amidst this trial.

We need your sustaining presence and ask for enduring patience and unflinching courage to face an uncertain future. Through your love unite us as neighbors, communities, and nations so that we may join together with unreserved compassion and generous support.

Give to those leading us and to those tending the ill, wisdom, skill, and fortitude in their labors. Give us all the strength and resources to succeed in our daily tasks. With your mighty power shield all who serve from the dangers that beset them.

Dear Lord, by your deep love soothe and heal the afflicted; comfort the dying and uphold those who care for them. Console those who grieve. Ease our fears and embrace the isolated and lonely, hearten the sad or distressed, and rejoice with those who recover or remain safe.

Lastly Lord, we trust that you will offer a safe anchor in the storm and that you will be our constant hope through this trial and into a better world you have made for us. All this we humbly ask in the name of Christ Jesus, your son, who as one of us healed the sick and taught us to love one another always. *Amen.*

- 1 Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the incarnate Word!  
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing!  
*Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*
  
- 2 Hosanna, Lord! thine angels cry; Hosanna, Lord! thy saints reply;  
above, beneath us, and around, both dead and living swell the sound:  
*Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*
  
- 5 So in the last and dreadful day, when earth and heaven shall melt away,  
thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain, shall swell the sound of praise again.  
*Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

#### *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 says*

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.*

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

Postlude

Festal March

G. F. Handel

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