

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

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Sunday after the Ascension

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

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Hymn #450

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
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- 2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
- 4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
- 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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The Celebrant says to the people

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Minister and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Reader A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles [1:6-14]

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
 let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
 let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
 exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
 YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
 God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
 but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
 when you marches through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
 at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
 sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
 his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Hymn #483**The head that once was crowned with thorns***St. Mangus*

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light;
- 3 the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love and grants his Name to know.
- 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
their name, an everlasting name; their joy the joy of heaven.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that

everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark A. Abdelnour

Musical Offering by the Steel Magnolias

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it.

We pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Andrew, our bishop; and for Mark and Jim, our priests.

Silence

We pray for our Nation and all in authority for Donald, our President, for Henry, our Governor, and all who serve in Congress and the Statehouse.

Silence

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Augustine of Canterbury, Aiken, and Church of the Ascension, Seneca.

On this Anglican Communion Sunday, we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world.

Silence

We pray for the welfare of the human family; for all who keep us safe during this health crisis, especially doctors, nurses and medical staff; safety personnel and first responders; and scientists and researchers.

We remember O Lord, those on our parish prayer list: Nick, Andrew, Richard, Kitty, Jenna, Jamie, John, Deb, Jessica, 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.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: Emily Sitnik, Eleanor McNish, Carol Neuburger and Mary Varvel; and those celebrating anniversaries: Leighton and Adam Harris, Patty and David Law, Carol and Jim Neuburger, and Chris and Richard Jesse.

We pray for those who are in discernment for Holy Orders, especially Beth, our seminarian.

We pray for this congregation, our vestry, and for those working on the RenewalWorks team.

Silence

We remember those who have died. Grant eternal rest to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Silence

The celebrant offers concluding collect

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Almighty God, you are our strength and our shield. We give you thanks for the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. And we remember all who have died that we may live, all who endured pain that we might know joy, all who made sacrifices that we might have plenty, all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom. May their sacrifices serve the cause of peace, and may our nation be ever grateful for their

service. With your wisdom and strength guide the leaders of our nation, and give to all nations a desire for justice and peace.

Turn our deep feeling now into determination, and our determination into deed, that as men and women died for peace, we may live for peace for the sake of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor

Minister 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 Celebrant says

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

The Peace

All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory

The Celebrant says to the people

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Musical Meditation by Beth and Ronnie Johnson

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in

this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor *and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant says to the people
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457).

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, p, 457).

In these challenging times, when many people find themselves unable to receive Holy Communion in person due to illness or suspended worship gatherings, this prayer for Spiritual Communion may be said by those who cannot physically receive the Sacrament.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Minister blesses the People

Hymn #494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Dismissal

The Celebrant or Deacon says

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People say

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Peter Benjamin

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