

Welcome to St. Augustine's
The Episcopal Center at URI

A House of Prayer for all People



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

- 1 Praise to the Lord the Almighty the king of creation
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation
join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song, surrounding in glad
adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord over all things he gloriously reigneth
borne as on eagle's wings safely his saints sustaineth
hast thou not seen how all thou needed hath been granted in what he
ordaineth
- 3 Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy way and defend thee
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth
befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore him
all that hath life and breath come now with praises before him
let the amen sound from his people again
gladly forever adore him

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Taize Gloria



The Collect of the Day (Let us pray together)

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.

First Lesson Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

- 1 Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate you flee before you.
- 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 your presence, O God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 We sing praises to your holy Name;
we exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; *
yours is the Name in which we rejoice!
- 5 Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, *
God, in your holy habitation!
- 6 You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners
7 into freedom, *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 8 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 9 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.
- 10 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 11 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 This will please you more than an offering of oxen, *
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.
- 34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; *
those who seek God, their heart shall live.
- 35 For you, O God, listen to the needy, *
and your prisoners you do not despise.
- 36 Let the heavens and the earth praise you, *
the seas and all that moves in them;

Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are

reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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Celtic Alleluia *sung when deacon stands to read the gospel*



Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Holy Gospel John 17:1-11

Jesus 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.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Meditation

The Rev. Rob Izzi

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! You are eternal life, stronger than death. Open our eyes to see you as we ask for your merciful grace.

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the people and clergy of St. Augustine's, Kingston and for those in the Armed Forces who have died in service to our country. We joyfully celebrate your resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Imbue your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. For this we pray,
Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations of the earth, especially..... God of Creation, you have given us a world of wondrous diversity. Open our eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic weaving. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your reign of peace to all peoples. For this we pray,
Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation and its leaders. God of Hope teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the privileged few who determine the destinies of the many. Lead us not only to share our abundance, but also to enter with hope into the poverty of others with less. We remember especially.....
For this we pray,
Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for our community, especially for those in our Parish who have birthdays: Samuel Rodman Hall, James Dominique Douglas Boucher, Kaitlyn Beasley Roebuck and the anniversaries of Laural & Tim Fratus and Anne & Rob Ravenscroft. Also, God, who came to earth as one of us, help us to see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of Servant Jesus, that in him we remain ready to serve one another and those whom you continue to bring into our midst. For this we pray,

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer and struggle, especially . . .

God of Compassion open our hearts to bind wounds and heal. Bless each person who asks for our prayers. Be present, through your people, to all who need your comfort. For this we pray,

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, especially . . . that your will for them may be fulfilled. God who loved us from before our birth and who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. And we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured of that same hope. For this we pray,

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray that our risen life include greater care of the creation you have entrusted to us. Help us to be champions for this fragile planet. We remember especially For this we pray,

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together,

All: **Lord make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore.

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the
Spirit. ***Alleluia, Alleluia***



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