

THE DAILY OFFICE  
MORNING PRAYER RITE I for the FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church

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ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCE, p. 39

Officiant     Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
People        *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER, p. 42

Officiant     O Lord, open thou our lips.  
People        *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*  
                  *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. Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven:  
                  O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE JUBILATE *Psalm 100*, p. 45 (*said by all in union*)

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

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

**THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 8** (*said by all in unison*)

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

*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 FIRST LESSON

Reader            A reading from Letter to the Acts 1:1-11.

*I*n the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 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 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."

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

**CANTICLE 2:** A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine*, p. 49 (said by all in unison)  
A Song of 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

Reader        A reading from the Gospel of Luke 24:44-53.

*J*esus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

CANTICLE 6: Glory be to God, *Gloria in excelsis*, p. 52 (said by all in unison)

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy,  
thou only art the Lord,  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED, p. 53-54** *(said by all)*

Officiant      *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
People            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 PRAYERS, p. 54**

Officiant      *The Lord be with you.*

People         *And with thy spirit.*

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 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.

### THE SUFFRAGES, p. 55

Officiant O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;  
People Govern and uphold them for ever.  
Officiant Day by day we magnify thee;  
People And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.  
Officiant Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
People O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
Officiant O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
People As our trust is in thee.  
Officiant O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
People Let me never be confounded.

### THE COLLECTS (prayed by the Officiant)

*The Collect of the Day: Ascension Day, p. 174*

○ Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*A Collect for Peace, p. 57*

○ 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 Mission, p. 58

*L*ord 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 INTERCESSIONS, p. 58 - 59

*Here we invite you to offer your own prayers, intercessions or thanksgivings, either spoken aloud or in the silence of your hearts. This morning we pray for, especially, all those affected by the Coronavirus*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, p. 58 (said by all)

Officiant      Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
People          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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *The Lord ascendeth up on high*

*Ach Herr, du allerhöchster Gott*

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Stephen C. Tamke

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM, p. 59 (*prayed by the Officiant*)

*A*lmighty 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.*

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant      Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People         *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

THE GRACE

Officiant      The grace of our +Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Cor. 13:14*

POSTLUDE

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## SUPPORTING THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF ST. JOHN'S

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Dear Friends,

*A*s we celebrate the Easter Season, we pray that you will engage with St. John's not only in a prayerful and spiritual way but also in a faithfully financial way.

*T*hese weeks of closure due to the coronavirus have been an understandable strain on our life as a parish family. The forgone plate and pledge offerings of the last few weeks are critical pieces of our mission and ministry. If you are able to offer any of your regular pledge payments and/or plate offerings you can do so online at [www.stjlat.org](http://www.stjlat.org), by text to give at 1-855-917-3147, or sending checks in the mail that would be wonderful.

*N*ow that during this Easter Season the clergy, wardens, and staff of St. John's hold you and your family in their prayers! Easter is a season of rebirth, resurrection, and loving hope! During this Easter season, please consider how St. John's, over the past 100+ years has continued to teach and live out this sacrificial and resurrection-focused servant ministry of Jesus Christ in the lives of its parishioners and its community. Please, faithfully continue your support of St. John's however you can during these curious times.