

THE DAILY OFFICE  
MORNING PRAYER RITE I for the SEVENTH THURSDAY OF EASTER, May 28<sup>th</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 105: 1-11** *(said by all in unison)*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."

*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 the Letter to the Ephesians 4:17-32.

*T*his I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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 Matthew 9:1-8.

*A*fter getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

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	<i>maker of heaven and earth;</i> <i>And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;</i> <i>who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,</i> <i>born of the Virgin Mary,</i> <i>suffered under Pontius Pilate,</i> <i>was crucified, dead, and buried.</i> <i>He descended into hell.</i> <i>The third day he rose again from the dead.</i> <i>He ascended into heaven,</i> <i>and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.</i> <i>From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</i> <i>I believe in the Holy Ghost,</i> <i>the holy catholic Church,</i> <i>the communion of saints,</i> <i>the forgiveness of sins,</i> <i>the +resurrection of the body,</i> <i>and the life everlasting. Amen.</i>

**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: The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day, p. 174*

**O** God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace, p. 57*

**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 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	<i>we thine unworthy servants</i>
	<i>do give thee most humble and hearty thanks</i>
	<i>for all thy goodness and loving-kindness</i>
	<i>to us and to all men.</i>
	<i>We bless thee for our creation, preservation,</i>
	<i>and all the blessings of this life;</i>
	<i>but above all for thine inestimable love</i>
	<i>in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;</i>
	<i>for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.</i>
	<i>And, we beseech thee,</i>

*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** O Lord Most High, eternal King

*Gonfalon Royal*

**THE HOMILY**

THE REV'D MARK L. FITZHUGH

**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.