

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER II  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 24, 2020



"Greater love has no one than this,  
than to lay down one's life for his friends."

~ John 15:13

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Opening Acclamation

(BCP Page 77)

*Officiant* Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ~ *Hebrews 9:24*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 79)

*The Officiant says to the people*

*Officiant 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.*

*Officiant*

(BCP Page 80)

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.*

*freely  
forgiven*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

(BCP Pages 80-81)

*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. Alleluia.*

*Pause.*

*Officiant:* Alleluia. The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## Jubilate

(BCP Pages 82-83)

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

*Officiant and People*

*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 marched 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!*

*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**

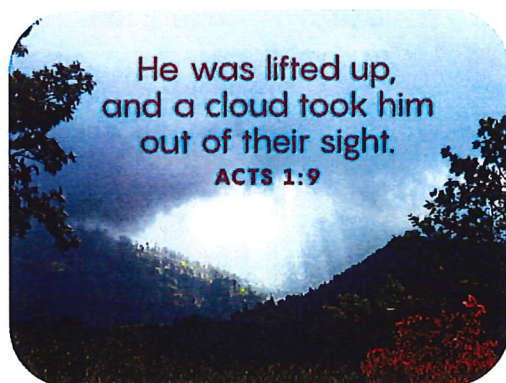
### **A Reading from Acts 1:6-14**

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.

*Officiant*      The word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*



## Hymn: What Thanks and Praise to Thee We Owe

(Hymn #285)



1. What thanks and praise to thee we owe, e - ter - nal  
2. O hap - py saint! his - sa - cred page, so rich in  
3. His - to - rian of the Sa - vior's life, the great a -  
4. So grant us, Lord, like him to live, be - loved on



1. God and Word di - vine, for Luke, thy saint, through whom we  
2. words of truth and love, pours on the Church from age to  
3. pos - tle's cho - sen friend, through wea - ry years of toil and  
4. earth, ap - proved by thee, till thou at last the sum - mons



1. know so man - y gra - cious words of thine.  
2. age the heal - ing unc - tion from a - bove.  
3. strife was still found faith - ful to the end.  
4. give, and we, with him, thy face shall see.

### A Reading from I 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.*

*Officiant* The word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

*Refrain*

Bless the ho-ly Name of Je-sus, Je-sus, praise his  
glo-rious Name! Lord of life and our re-deem-er,

*Verse 1*

sa-vior, glo-ry to his Name! Je-sus, our

shep-herd, our light and sal-va-tion, ev-'ry day the

same. Bless the ho-ly Name of Je-sus,

*to Refrain Verse 2*

Je-sus, glo-ry to his Name! Je-sus we

wor-ship you, we praise and a-dore you, we ex-alt your

Name. Bless the ho-ly Name of Je-sus,

*to Refrain*

Je-sus, glo-ry to his Name!

## A Reading from 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."

*Officiant:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## A Reflection

*The Reverend Jim Friedel*



## Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*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

(BCP Page 97)

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*  
*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.*

## Suffrage A

(BCP Pages 97-98)

- 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 Collect of the Day: Seventh Sunday of Easter

(BCP Page 226)

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.*

## A Collect for Grace

(BCP Page 100)

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 the Mission of the Church

(BCP Page 101)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.*

**Offertory**

*(BCP Page 376)*

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

*~Ephesians 5:2*

**A Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*Officiant and People*

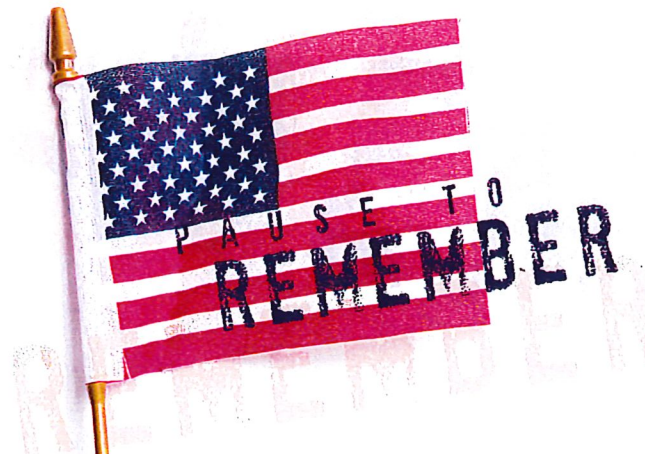
*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*(BCP Page 102)*

*Officiant and People*

*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.*



# Hymn: Go Forward, Christian Soldier

(Hymn #563)



1. Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, be - neath his ban - ner true: the  
2. Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, fear not the se - cret foe; far  
3. Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, nor dream of peace-ful rest, till  
4. Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, fear not the gath-ering night: the



1. Lord him - self, thy Lead - er, shall all thy foes sub - due. His  
2. more o're thee are watch - ing than hu - man eyes can know: trust  
3. Sa - tan's host is van - quished and heaven is all pos - sessed; till  
4. Lord has been thy shel - ter; the Lord will be thy light. When



1. love fore - tells thy tri - als; he knows thine hour - ly need; he  
2. on - ly Christ, thy Cap - tain; cease not to watch and pray; heed  
3. Christ him - self shall call thee to lay thine ar - mor by, and  
4. morn his face re - veal - eth thy dan - gers all are past: O



1. can with bread of hea - ven thy faint-ing spi - rit feed.  
2. not the treach-erous voic - es that lure thy soul a - stray.  
3. wear in end - less glo - ry the crown of vic - to - ry.  
4. pray that faith and vir - tue may keep thee to the last!

## The Blessing

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant*

(BCP Page 102)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

~Ephesians 3:20, 21



Happiness is...

Meredith being able to talk to her 99 year old mother by phone if not in person AND fresh tomatoes from her garden and homemade hot sauce shared with US!



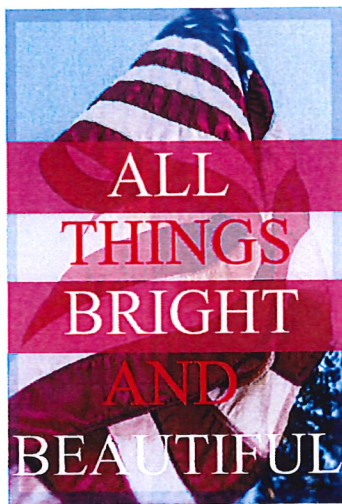
Is this beautiful or what?

This is Diana Severino-Saxon's home-grown artichoke!

We think it could win at the County Fair!

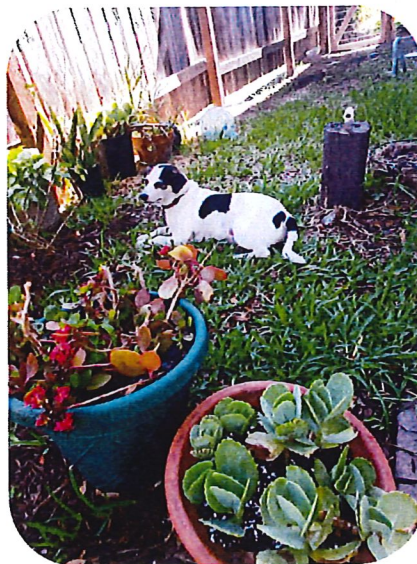


Myra Kline LOVES her Tink and Casey and taking them on "happy" walks in their new stroller.



**KING OF THE YARD**

Terry Gardner & Sherri Collins are well guarded as Sherri's dog, Jack keeps watch over things as they garden!



Elise and George & Olexa enjoy exploring nature and wildlife at The Big Tree in Lamar!

