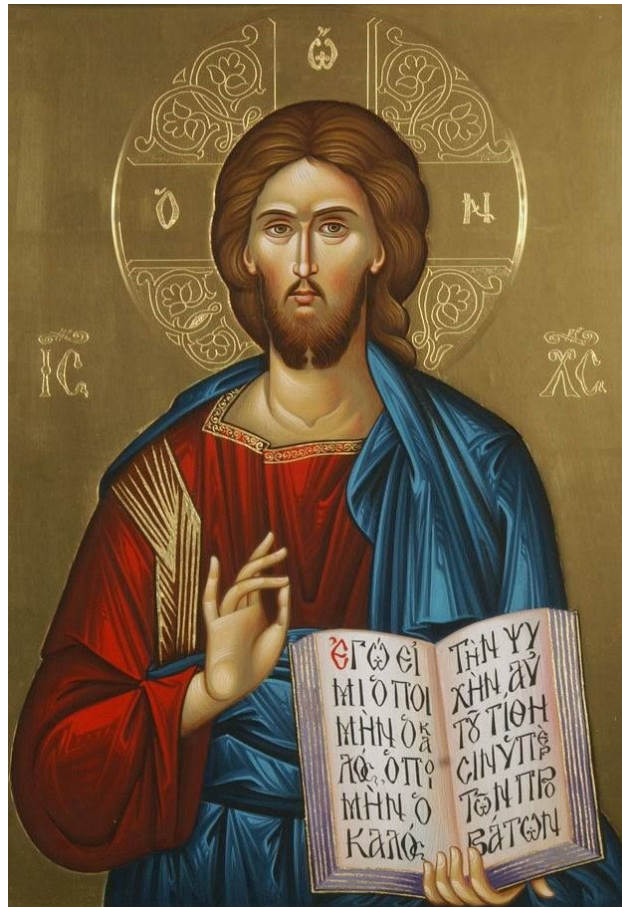


The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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The Liturgy of the Word: Rite II



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Welcome to St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.

— Parish Notices —



A NOTE FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Anne Perry, our Sunday School Director sends the following message to the Parish: I am keeping all members of our congregation in my heart and my prayers. I just wanted to give you an update regarding another Outreach project we did for Sunday school. We assembled wellness gift bags for all of the moms at the LIA shelter and safely delivered them Saturday afternoon so the moms had a nice treat for Mother's Day! Each bag was carefully packed with aromatherapy items, wellness and beauty supplies as well as handmade earrings. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Also this week, I was able to drop off supplies to New Hour on the grounds of St Joseph for their re-entry program. They recognized our church with thanks on a social media post! Their director, Serena Liguori, was very grateful and looks forward to visiting the church when things are safer.



WARMER DAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND VOLUNTEERS AT ST. PETER'S ORGANIC VICTORY GARDEN HAVE BEEN BUSY PLANTING. The Episcopal Ministries of Long Island have given a grant to St. Peter's Church for a Garden Ministry that connects communities, builds partnerships and gives locally grown organic produce to needy families. We are building a strong foundation and are on the way to meeting our goals. Almost 50% of the garden plots are being utilized and planting for Island Harvest is almost completed. We have space for more volunteers and garden plots are still available. We welcome any donations which go towards growing food for Island Harvest. Come see what's happening at St. Peter's Organic Victory Farm!



— Prayers for the Week —

We pray for those seeking healing: Ada, Alan, Alex, Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Betty, Betty C., Chris, Curt, Dan, David, Diane, Donna, Dorothy, Earl, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, Gary, George, Greg, Hannah, Joan, Joanne, Joe, Joel, John, Joy, Kamryn, Ken, Lorraine, Marc C., Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Steve, Sue, Susanne, Theresa, Tria, and William;

We pray for those who have died; and those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Dave, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church in Central America; Congregations Seeking New Clergy Leadership; Christ Church, Oyster Bay; St. Margaret's, Plainview; Lutheran Anglican Roman Catholic Dialog; St. Stephen's, Port Washington; Church of the Ascension, Rockville Centre;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea; and the Dioceses of Nakuru, Nambale (Kenya); Abakailiki, Ilaje, Ile-Oluji, Abuja, Afikpo, Ilesa, Ilesa South West Nigeria (Nigeria); Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland); Namibia (Southern Africa); Namirembe (Uganda); Abyei (South Sudan); Accra (West Africa); Nandyal (South India); Adelaide (Australia); Nasik (North India).

Prayers in the Time of Pandemic

adapted from the Sisters of Mercy

and offered at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, NY

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

In this time of bewilderment and fear, we ask you to give us the courage to take care of one another as Jesus did. For those who are ill, especially those who are frightened and alone, for those who cannot access healthcare, for those who are homeless and lost; Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the midst of our sadness and grief, we ask you to give us words to comfort one another. For those who are dying, and for those who have already died from this virus, for those who care for them and for those with no one to care for them; Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the midst of our own anxiety, we ask for the courage to support one another as you would. For those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future; for our government and financial institutions and those who lead them; Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the midst of our struggle to ensure a healthy future for all people, we ask you to give us the hope that surpasses our current understanding. For healthcare workers, spiritual leaders and our faith communities, for artists and poets, for prophets and teachers; Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

A Prayer

The Reverend Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, England

God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the coronavirus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word: Rite II

Hymn

Come we that love the Lord

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #12

Marching to Zion

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But
3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets; Be-
4. Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're

1. in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet ac-
2. children of the heavenly King, But children of the heav'n-ly
3. fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, Before we reach the heav'n-ly
4. marching through Immanuel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's

1. cord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.
2. King, May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys a-broad.
3. fields, Or walk the gold-en streets, Or walk the gold-en streets.
4. ground, To fair-er worlds on high, To fair-er worlds on high.

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful
We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

The Acclamation

Bishop

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Song of Praise

Glory to God in the highest *(Music for Celebration)* David Hurd

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From

one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 98 (Sung by the Choir)

Anglican Chant: Thomas Norris

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm*
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory,*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world*
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Anthem

Spiritual, arr. Mark Schweitzer
Christopher Reames, *Solo*

*My Lord, what a morning!
My Lord, what a morning!
O my Lord, what a morning!
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.*

Gon' quit all my worldly ways,
join that heavenly band.

Refrain

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

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.

The Prayers

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops;
and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially for all those who have lost their lives in this pandemic.
Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for Ada, Alan, Alex, Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Betty, Betty C., Chris,
Curt, Dan, David, Diane, Donna, Dorothy, Earl, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, Gary, George, Greg, Hannah, Joan,
Joanne, Joe, Joel, John, Joy, Kamryn, Ken, Lorraine, Marc C., Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Nancy, Roger,
Sarah Grace, Shanti, Steve, Sue, Susanne, Theresa, Tria, and William;

I ask your prayers for those in military service, especially for Christian, Dave, Eileen, John, Robert,
and Stephen;

I ask your prayers for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who
suffer illness, especially those suffering the effects of illness from COVID-19, those suffering chronic ill-
ness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy,
peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by disease, natural
disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and
the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week.

And let us pray in the words our Savior taught us,

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 Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

The Hymnal 1982, #400

Lasst uns erfreuen



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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The Closing Voluntary Processional

William Mathias

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Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*