



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 am Morning Prayer

## Opening Hymn, *All creatures of our God and King* (v.1, 7)



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  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

### *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.*

## Opening Sentence

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*

**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.**

*The Priest says,*

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.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*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. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**The Psalm** *Psalms 98*

- 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.

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

### The First Reading. Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### Canticle P A Song of the Spirit

Revelation 22:12-17

"Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord, "and bringing my reward with me, \*  
to give to everyone according to their deeds.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, \* the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who do God's commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, \*  
and may enter the city through the gates. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, \*

with this testimony for all the churches. "I am the root and the offspring of David, \*

I am the bright morning star." "Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride; \*

"Come!" let each hearer reply! Come forward, you who are thirsty, \*

let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

## **The Second Reading** *1 John 5:1-6*

A Reading from the First letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Canticle Q** *A Song of Christ's Goodness*

*Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \* you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \* tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*

by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \* through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead, \* your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*

in your love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \* for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

## **Third Reading.** *John 15:9-17*

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**            The Rev. Tracie Little

**Song of Reflection, Gaelic Medley, Stevens**

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People say together,*

**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**

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People,*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry.

**Teach us to abide in your love.**

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.

**Teach us to care for it with love.**

We pray for the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish.

**Teach us to reach out to them with respect and love.**

We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious (especially...).

**Teach us to respond to their needs with love.**

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life, (especially...).

**Teach us to remember them with love.**

Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this world and into the next.

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

For all your goodness and loving-kindness

To us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

And all the blessings of this life;

But above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

Not only with our lips, but in our lives,

By giving up our selves to your service,

And by walking before you

In holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

Be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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.**

## **The Blessing**

The Wisdom of God the Love of God  
and the Grace of God strengthen you  
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Be with you now  
And remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **Sending Out**

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