

MORNING PRAYER II EASTER VII MAY 15, 2021

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to St. Matthew Episcopal Church. It is a pleasure to worship with you on this seventh and final Sunday of Season of Easter. This service is in English. If you would like follow along, click on the link above the Facebook announcement for this service for a worship booklet.

If you have prayers for special intentions, please write them in the comment section on your Facebook page.

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm for today is Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Here ends the reading

### *Canticle 13 A Song of Praise*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \* you are worthy of praise; glory  
to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \* we will praise you  
and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \* on the throne of your  
majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \* we will praise you and  
highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \* in the high vault of heaven, glory  
to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* we will praise you and  
highly exalt you for ever.

### A reading from the first letter of John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God

has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Here ends the reading

*Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \* are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \* and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*, for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \* a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*, and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \* for ever and for evermore.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Here ends the reading.

SERMON

The Rev. Patricia S. Trytten

The Apostles' Creed

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

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Suffrages B

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 on 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, 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.**

## Prayers of the People

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! Love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.

We pray for the Church. Today we offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always.

*(Silence)*

For the community of faith, the church of the risen Christ, we pray:

**Be with us and bless us, O God.**

We pray for our nation. God of hope, teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the many of privilege who determine the destinies of others. Lead us not only to share our wealth, but to enter with hope into the poverty of those who do not share our good fortune.

*(Silence)*

For our nation and for our common good, we pray:

**Be with us and guide us, O God.**

We pray for the whole world. God of creation you have given us a world of glorious diversity. Give us the eyes to see the beauty of all your creation. Give us o and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your peace, your goodness and your vision to all people.

*(Silence)*

For the welfare of our world, we pray:

**Be with us and unite us, O God.**

We pray for this community. God who came to earth as one of us, help us see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of the Servant Jesus, that joined with Christ we remain ready to kneel with basin and towel before each other and before those you continue to bring into our midst.

*(Silence)*

For our community we pray:

**Be with us and help us, O God.**

We pray for all who suffer, especially N/ God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name. Bless all of those who ask our prayers, and give us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those who need your comfort.

*(Silence)*

For all who suffer and struggle, we pray:

**Be with us and heal us, O God.**

We pray for all who have died, especially N. God who has loved us from before birth and God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the

resurrection, and we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope.  
*(Silence)*

For all who have entered new life in Christ's resurrection, we pray:

**Be with us and raise us, O God.**

Glorious Lord of Life, we praise you, that by the wondrous resurrection of your Son, you have delivered us from sin and death and made your whole creation new; grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.*

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS