

**The Episcopal/Anglican Church of the Blessed Redeemer
Mission Church in the Diocese of Central Florida**
The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ
May 21, 2020 ~ 6:00 P.M.
Evening Prayer: Rite Two



1225 DeGroodt Road SW, Palm Bay, Florida 32908

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise: give thanks to Him and praise His name.” (Psalm 100:4)

Blessed Redeemer’s Mission:

Our mission is to nurture, love, teach, and grow a loving community in Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

Blessed Redeemer’s Vision:

Our vision is to inspire belief and renew faith for those seeking God.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION on May 21, 2020 at 6:00 A.M.

H = Hymnal 1982; BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Opening Hymn ~ Hail Thee, Festival Day! (Ascension) (H 216)

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus & Ralph Vaughan Williams

- Refrain:** **Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed for ever,
Day when the Christ ascends, high in the heavens to reign.**
- 1 **He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;
All things created on earth sing to the glory of God: (Refrain)**
- 2 **Daily the loveliness grows, adored with the glory of blossom;
Heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light: (Refrain)**
- 3 **God the Creator, the Lord who rulest the earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without, cleanse us from evil within: (Refrain)**
- 4 **Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God: (Refrain)**
- 5 **Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being,
Light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide: (Refrain)**
- 6 **Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who art author of concord,
Pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways in thy peace: (Refrain)**

Opening Sentences (BCP 115)

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.
Psalm 96:9

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Invitatory Sentence (BCP 117)

Priest O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **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.**

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron* (BCP 118) (*read in unison*)

Priest We continue by saying together O Gracious Light, found on page 118 in *The Book
of Common Prayer*.

**O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy
and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your
praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

The Gospel Lesson ~ Luke 24:44-53

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 24, verses 44 through 53.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian Turner

The Apostles’ Creed (BCP 120)

Deacon And now let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed, which can be found on page 120 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS

The Salutation (BCP 121)

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray, in the words our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer (BCP 121)

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.

Suffrages B (BCP 122)

Deacon That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Deacon That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Deacon That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Deacon That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Deacon That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before
the great judgment seat of Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Deacon That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your
saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

A Collect for Ascension Day (BCP 226)

Deacon Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all
heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that,
according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the
ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace (BCP 123)

Deacon Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just
works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that
our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from
the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of
Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection (BCP 124)

Deacon O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who
labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is
past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in
safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission (BCP 124)

Deacon Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission (BCP 125)

Deacon O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving (BCP 125)

Deacon And now let us give thanks to God using The General Thanksgiving found on page 125 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP 126)

Deacon We continue by praying together A Prayer of St. Chrysostom on page 126.

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 Dismissal (BCP 126)

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn ~ **Crown Him with Many Crowns** (H 494)

Matthew Bridges & George Job Elvey

1 **Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

- 2 **Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,
And ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;
Who every grief hath known that wrings the human bread,
And takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.**
- 3 **Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**
- 4 **Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.**
- 5 **Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for his is King of all.**

The Blessing (BCP 126)

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*