

**The Episcopal/Anglican Church of the Blessed Redeemer
Mission Church in the Diocese of Central Florida**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after Ascension Day**

**May 24, 2020 ~ 9:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer: Rite Two**



1225 DeGroot 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.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II on May 24, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

H = Hymnal 1982; BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Opening Hymn ~ Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (H 214)

Charles Wesley and Robert Williams

- 1 **Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

- 2 **There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!**

- 3 **See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love:. Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!**

- 4 **Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!**

Opening Sentences (BCP 77)

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

The Confession of Sin is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter as part of our celebration of the resurrection, new life, and grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Invitatory Sentence (BCP 80)

Priest Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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.**

Christ Our Passover Pascha nostrum (BCP 83) (read in unison)

Priest We continue by saying together the Christ Our Passover anthem found on page 83 in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and we will begin and end the anthem using the following antiphon:

Antiphon Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Antiphon Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 (BCP 676)

Leader The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 68, verses 1 through 10 and verses 33 through 36, found on pages 676 and 678 through 679 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse, with the congregation reading the even verses.

- 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.

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.

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

The Second Canticle ~ We Will Glorify (*sung*, PCB 49)

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- 1 **We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**
- 2 **Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.**
- 3 **He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.**
- 4 **Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**

The Gospel Lesson ~ John 17:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 17, verses 1 through 11.

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

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Turner

The Apostles' Creed (BCP 96)

Deacon And now let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed, found on page 96 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

1. We will continue to worship together on next Sunday via Zoom at 9 a.m., with 15 minutes of fellowship time beforehand starting at 8:45 a.m. The Zoom phone number, meeting ID, and password will remain the same.
2. Bishop Greg Brewer has sent out guidelines for churches that wish to start reopening for in-person worship by as soon as next Sunday. While our congregation is not ready to reopen at this time, our Vestry will be meeting this week to discuss many of the details that will need to be worked out for when we are ready. Our Vestry Meeting will take place this Tuesday, May 26, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Meeting ID will be 835-2377-8380.
3. Thank you to everyone who has been mailing in or dropping off financial offerings at the church mailbox. We continue to receive and deposit them. We greatly appreciate you keeping up your offerings, even during this uncertain economic time. And thank you also for those offerings to support the continued work of The Children's Hunger Project in feeding young people in our community who would otherwise go hungry during this time.
4. Please continue to pray for your fellow church members and to support and call upon one another during this time. If there are special physical or financial needs that the church can help with, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Brian or one of our Vestry members. If there are special prayer requests during this time—especially for family members of friends sick or dying from the coronavirus—please let Fr. Brian or Deacon Brenda know. And please know that all of our church members are in their prayers as well. May God continue to strengthen us all during this time and keep each of us safe, healthy, and hopeful.
5. Birthday blessings are offered this week for Carmen Boyd, Hildred Alleyne, and Kenneth O'Brien.

THE PRAYERS

The Salutation (BCP 97)

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 97)

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 98)

Verse Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Response **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Verse Day by day we bless you;

Response **We praise your Name for ever.**

Verse Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Response **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Verse Lord, show us your love and mercy;

Response **For we put our trust in you.**

Verse In you, Lord, is our hope;

Response **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day (BCP 226)

Deacon 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 Sundays (BCP 98)

Deacon O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Renewal of Life (BCP 99)

Deacon O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People: Form III (BCP 387)

Leader The Prayers of the People, Form III for this morning are found on page 387 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the congregations and clergy of Church of the Messiah in Winter Garden and Holy Cross Church in Winter Haven. In Palm Bay, we pray for Joy Lutheran Church, Church of Our Savior, and the other Christian churches in this community. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Greg, our Diocesan Bishop; Lloyd, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Honduras; our priests, Brian and Amy; and our deacon, Brenda. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for Donald our President, Ron our Governor, William our Mayor, for Congress, and for the Courts. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray for the students, teachers, staff, and parents of Westside Elementary School, and the children in Brevard County who are still being served by The Children's Hunger Project. As we pray for and seek to support them and others in our community and world, give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader We pray for the sick, for those recovering, and for their caregivers, especially all those suffering from the coronavirus and those on our parish prayer list, who we pray aloud for by first name: Hildred, Ella, Jean, Makhari, Melissa, Oscar, Christopher, Esmerell, Rocco, Edly, Jennifer, McCordell, Robert, Melissa & Valtonio, Erdley, Norma, Irma, Rev. John, Milton, Dorothy, Kaiwan, Winsam, Norma, Judd, Joseph, Donna, Beverly, Tatlyn, Clarence, Phyllis, Joanna, Raeburn & Yvonne, Rev. Ron & Leila, Tori Ann, Doreen & Lauren, Beverly, Vanessa, Desiree, Lloyd, Norma, Pearlina, Albert, Joyce, Theresa, Barbara, Pansy, Kaye, Hampden, Neville, Keanna, Leland, Stephanie, Michael, Vicky, Michael, Doris, Patricia, Byron, Tiffany, Annette, Ruddy, Howard, Charmaine; and those we name now. (*Your own petitions are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.*)

Leader We pray for the immigrant families and children at our country's borders, those continuing to recover from natural disasters, and those dealing with political unrest during this time. We also offer a special set of prayers during this time of pandemic.

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love and peace.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families and friends of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations and states. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks, and that will allow for the orderly and safe reopening of businesses, schools, and churches. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Be with those affected by this virus and time of separation in other ways: those dealing with addictions and in recovery; those in abusive relationships or situations; those in prisons or nursing homes where disease spreads quickly and they're unable to leave; those who have been furloughed or lost their jobs, income, and health insurance; and those who must put themselves and their families at risk as essential workers in hospitals, grocery stores, restaurants, retail chains, transportation, and as cleaners, social workers, home health aides, and first responders. Keep them and their families safe and secure in your arms that they may know your peace, protection, and providence.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. And have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember the men and women who have died in faithful service to our country, fighting to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today; and we pray for others who have died, especially Anne Reilly and those who we name now. *(Your own petitions are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.)*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader As Guyana Independence Day is celebrated on Wednesday, we give thanks for the country of Guyana; for all who live, work, and play there; and for those church members who call it their native land. We give you thanks for the blessings, healing, peace, and protection that you have provided—especially during this difficult time of pandemic—and for all the prayers which you have answered, especially those we name now. *(Your thanksgivings and praise reports are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.)*

Leader And we also pray this Memorial Day weekend for the men and women who continue to answer the call to serve in our country’s armed forces, as well as our many veterans who have served faithfully, giving thanks today for their sacrifice and service, and praying for their comfort and peace.

Leader And now let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Deacon Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)

Deacon And now let us give thanks to God using The General Thanksgiving found on page 101 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 102)

Deacon We continue by praying together A Prayer of St. Chrysostom on page 102.

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 102)

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn ~ **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** (H 691)

Ray Palmer and Lowell Mason

- 1 **My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine.**
- 2 **May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**
- 3 **While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

The Blessing (BCP 102)

Priest 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*