LESSONS AND HYMNS THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 24, 2020

Prelude

Opening Welcoming & Collect (Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension 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*.

Opening Hymn #192: "This joyful Eastertide" (vv.1,2)



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1st Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Music Offering: "Now the green blade riseth"

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, 20-22, 51-57

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn #207: "Jesus Christ is risen today"



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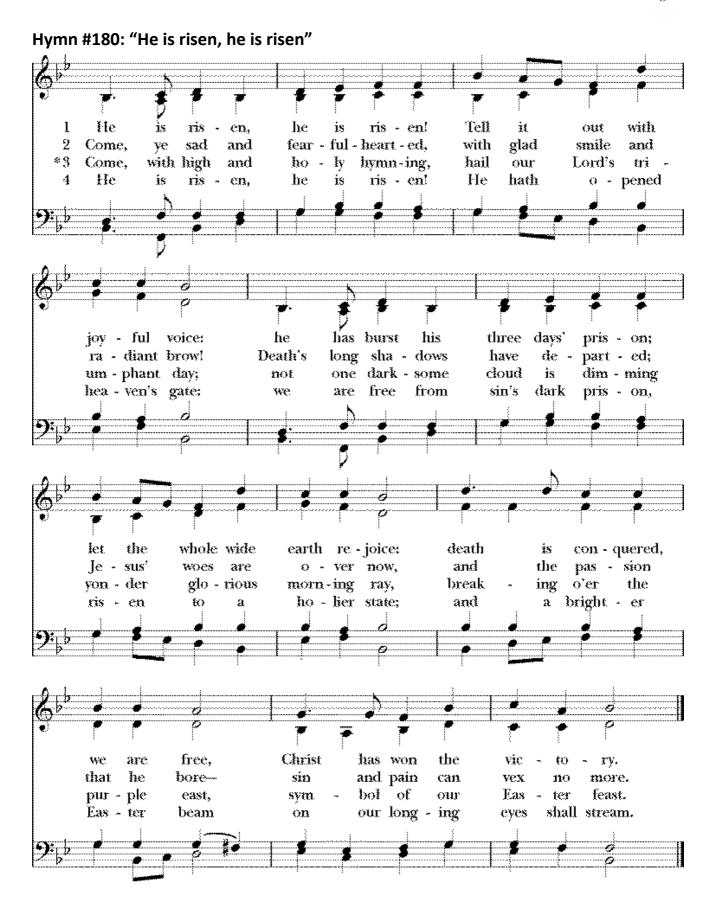
3rd Reading: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Word of the Lord

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Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Unser Herrscher Joachim Neunder (1650-1680)

4th Reading: Luke 24:13-43

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



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5th Reading: John 20:19-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

LITANY FOR TEACHERS

Leader: Let us remember before God and one another the ministries of every member of the universal church, saying, "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: For those who labor for the Church; in parish, diocese, province, and nation, God of our sacred story,

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: For the diversity of ministries; for those who work for justice and peace; those who offer themselves in charity and outreach to those in need; for people of vision and action, God of abundant blessing,

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: For those who enrich the Church and the world with their intellectual and creative gifts; those who create, provide, and preserve the arts; and who tend the earth and protect its resources, God of abundant blessing,

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: For those who offer hospitality, fellowship, and nurture as parents, friends, and neighbors, people of spiritual wisdom and prayer; those who are ministers of healing, to the sick, the troubled, the homebound, and the grieving, God of abundant blessing,

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: For those who sustain the life of the Church by quiet acts of service with children and youth, in classrooms and in worship, in meeting rooms and in offices, remembering especially this day our Sunday school teachers and our Director of Christian Formation, God of abundant blessing,

People: We remember and give thanks.

Leader: Gracious God, source of life and giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all those who have ministered in your name throughout the ages. Grant us courage and compassion that we may stand ever receptive to your grace and faithful to your call.

Amen.

Leader: When we are free of fear and worry,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When our children return home safely,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When we receive your gifts of food, clothing and shelter,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When we see your creative hand in the beauty of nature,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When the right solution comes to some serious problem,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When we have enjoyed good fellowship and friends,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When we find the peace of God in pain and sorrow,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When the sick and suffering are healed,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Leader: When our loved ones return to you,

People: O God, accept our offering.

Concluding Collect: O God, we ask that we may ever be united in our response to your love, thankful for our many blessings and happy to give our offering; that by your Holy Spirit all nations and peoples may know the power of the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Adapted from a Litany of Thanksgiving by The Reverend Canon Henry and Mrs. Male, The Reverend Ralph Moore, Diocese of Maine)

Closing Hymn #210: "The Day of resurrection!"



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DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

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*

INVITATION TO COFFEE HOUR HONORING TEACHERS

Today, we remember and give thanks for our Sunday school teachers:

- Godly Play: Sarah and Dominic Tiani, Giada Tiani, Tara Zychowicz, Bonnie Morton, Patrick and Heather Cummings, Rebecca and Nick Gallegly, Aurora Toennisson, Sonja Tilley, Jane Fruehwirth, Robb and Sarah Smylie
- Zoom Godly Play Storyteller: Aurora Toennisson
- Growing in Christ: Kelly and Jeff Hopper, Angela Jones, Mitchell Moehring, Angela and Jeff Denhard, Rebecca and Nick Gallegly
- Children's Singing: Kelly Hopper, Angela Jones
- Family Faith Formation: Rebecca and Nick Gallegly, Robb and Sarah Smylie, Jane Fruehwirth, Sonja Tilley
- Youth Sunday School: Anne Kenyon, Para Drake, Chris Peterson

We also give thanks for our Director of Christian Formation, Kim Powell.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Janet Edwards, Bob Snyder, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Ed Eastman, Jim von St. Paul, Joseph Riddick, and Patrick Craft.

We pray for those in our parish family unable to join us in worship: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, and Tom Vail.

And others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Leonel Alvardo, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Tammy Mack, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Colin & Jimena McNease, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, John Thompson, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, the

families of Charles Krigbaum and David Boe, Laura Merrill, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, and Jeannine Beardslee.

Pray for all doctors and nurses. Pray for all service workers. Pray for inmates. Pray for the unemployed.