



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two
MAY 17, 2020 10:00 a.m.
The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt, Rector**

Musical Prelude

Welcoming by Rev. Andrea

Morning Prayer: Rite Two (BCP 75)

Opening Sentences for Easter (BCP 77)

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Confession of Sin (BCP 79) and Absolution (BCP 80)

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship God, let us be together in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All 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.

Invitatory and Psalter — Easter (BCP 81)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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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 forever. Amen.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum* (BCP 73)

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.

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo* (BCP 673)

Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.
I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

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The Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from Acts

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision - H-488

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3. High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me) - John L. Bell

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown?

Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Gospel: John 14:15-21

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon: Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt

The Apostles' Creed (BCP 96)

All 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.

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The Prayers: Our Father (BCP 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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.

Suffrage A (BCP 98)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day (BCP 225)

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Anthem

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Prayers of the People and Intercessions

Intercessor Let us pray.

All Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life.

Intercessor Made alive in Christ and filled with God's Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. (silence) You abide with your church, O God, even in a time of distancing. Empower us with your Spirit, so that your people speak and live the love revealed in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hold us in hope of new life in this time of pandemic. Keep essential and medical workers in your safety, Holy God. Comfort those who mourn, calm those who worry, protect those who are in need of food, housing, or income. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You abide with your creation, O God. Breathe on fields and forests, lakes and oceans, and all living things so that they thrive as you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You abide with the nations, O God. Reveal your truth, so that nations and peoples govern in peace and advocate for justice. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler, Matthew Paiva, Brian Plamondon and Bob Hammond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You abide with the needy, O God. Cheer the sorrowful, protect the orphan, support the grieving and heal the sick, especially: Sonia and Dave, Richard, Joe & Alberta, Gloria, Sue, Tom, Lauren, Dilshad, David, Frank, Bob, MJ, Brad, Wanda, Walter, Paul, Ron, Donald, Eleanor and any you wish to name silently or aloud....(pause)... we pray for all in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You abide with the fearful, O God. Transform fear into freedom for the life Christ has promised. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember, O God, those who have died in the faith. We celebrate the life of Lillian Salisbury, whose funeral was on held Friday, May 15th, and we pray for her family in this time of loss. Assure us of your life-giving Spirit until that day when we will abide with you forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer. **Amen.**

All Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life

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The General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)

All 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 ourselves 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Concluding Prayer

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King - H-400, v. 1, 4, 5, 7

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way; O praise him, Alleluia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5. All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing now: Alleluia! All you that pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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