

Easter 5 Service May 10, 2020

Gathering Rite for the Easter Season

This gathering rite is based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, people's book, page 97.

This form of Gathering — a Thanksgiving for Baptism followed by the sharing of the Peace — is suggested for the Easter season, just as a Penitential Order was suggested for the Lenten season. In this way, the customary order of Confession-and-Absolution may be seasonally replicated: a season of penitence, followed by a season of rejoicing in the peace and absolution of the risen Christ. The Confession-and-Absolution are not used after the Prayers of the People if this form of the Gathering is used, and the Greeting of Peace may be used (as shown here) before the Collect of the Day, or after the Prayers of the People, but not in both places during the same liturgy.

Gathering of the Community

Nick, Presider

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are raised to new life in the Spirit.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font while the presider gives thanks, saying,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The officiant greets the people:

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: CP #532 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Christ the Saviour is our refuge;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do our friends despise, forsake us?

Are we tempted to despair?

Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,

And we'll find new courage there.

Text: Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886). Alt.

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

Nick, Presider

Christ our Passover *(BAS, p. 50)*

(1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22)

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!

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (BAS, p. 740)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
"My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving kindness save me."

Astrid

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.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 7:55-60)
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.
The word of the Lord. (or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)
Thanks be to God.

Carol

Canticle: You Are God (BAS, p. 94)

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise you;
the noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,

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your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints

to glory everlasting.

Second Reading

Quitterie

The second appointed reading is read in French, the reader first saying

Une lecture tirée de la première lettre de Pierre (1 Pierre 2:2-10)

Comme des enfants nouveau-nés, désirez avec ardeur le lait pur de la parole de Dieu, afin qu'en le buvant vous grandissiez jusqu'au salut. En effet, « vous avez goûté combien le Seigneur est bon. » Approchez-vous du Seigneur, la pierre vivante rejetée par les êtres humains, mais choisie et précieuse aux yeux de Dieu. Laissez-vous bâtir, vous aussi, comme des pierres vivantes, pour construire un temple spirituel. Vous y formerez une communauté de prêtres appartenant à Dieu, vous lui offrirez des sacrifices spirituels, qu'il accueillera avec bienveillance par Jésus Christ. Car il dit dans l'Écriture : « Voici que je place en Sion une pierre d'angle; je l'ai choisie, elle est précieuse, et celui qui met sa foi en elle ne sera jamais déçu. » Cette pierre est d'une grande valeur pour vous, les croyants ; mais pour les incroyants, comme le dit l'Écriture : « La pierre que les bâtisseurs ont rejetée est devenue la pierre d'angle. » Et ailleurs, il est dit encore : « C'est une pierre qui fait trébucher, un rocher qui fait tomber. » Ces personnes trébuchent parce qu'elles refusent d'obéir à la parole de Dieu, et c'est ce qui devait leur arriver. Mais vous, vous êtes la lignée choisie, la communauté royale de prêtres, la nation qui appartient à Dieu, le peuple qu'il a fait sien. Il vous a appelés à passer de l'obscurité à son admirable lumière, afin que vous alliez annoncer ses œuvres magnifiques. Autrefois, vous n'étiez pas un peuple, maintenant vous êtes peuple de Dieu ; autrefois, vous étiez privés de bonté, mais maintenant la bonté de Dieu vous a été accordée.

La parole du Seigneur. / Ici se termine la lecture.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

OR

A reading from the first letter of Peter (1 Peter 2:2-10)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord. (Or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

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The Song of Zechariah *(BAS, p. 88)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Gospel Reading

David

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Apostle John (John 14:1-14)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A period of silence may follow.

Reflection

Josée, Preacher

Apostles' Creed *(BAS, p. 66)*

Let us confess our faith as we say,

I believe in God,

Nick, Presider

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Hugh

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of Love: hear our prayer."

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for Mary our bishop, Josée, Nick and Tania our priests, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially....], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially....], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

General Thanksgiving *(BAS, p. 129)*

Hugh

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience,

by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again,

in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day *(BAS p. 340)*

Quitterie

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OR

Collecte du jour

Prions.

Dieu Tout-Puissant, ton Fils Jésus-Christ est le chemin, la vérité et la vie. Donne-nous la grâce de nous aimer les uns les autres et de marcher dans la voie de ses commandements, lui qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu, maintenant et pour toujours. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Nick, Presider

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: CP #508 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hugh

Readings May 17 and May 24, 2020

May 17

Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:7-18; I Peter 3:13-22; Jn 14:15-21;
Collect of the Day, BAS p. 341

May 24, Jerusalem Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:15-23; Lk 24:44-53;
Collect of the Day, BAS p. 342

Jerusalem Sunday – May 24th, 2020

Jerusalem Sunday is an annual church observance to celebrate companionship in God's mission with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. The Diocese is a historic and active member of the Christian, ecumenical and interfaith community of the Middle East. It is home to several thousand Arab Anglicans in thirty parishes and situated in one of the world's holiest destinations for Christian, Jewish and Muslim pilgrims.

The ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem bring hope, skills, health; a peaceful future to those they serve. Jerusalem Sunday is an opportunity for Anglicans in Canada to send a measure of financial support to the health care ministries of the Diocese. Offerings to date have improved the diagnostic and program capacity of the Penman Medical Clinic, Zababdeh, West Bank; Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, and Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza.

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