



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MORNING PRAYER
RITE II

MAY 14 2023
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Saint John's Church, Mobile

Welcome to Saint John's. Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal parish church in the heart of Mobile. From our beginning worship has been central to our common life. Originally located ten streets West of Christ Church, Saint John's moved to its current location in 1956, to what was then nearly at the city limits. If you are interested in learning more about Saint John's or becoming a member of our parish community, please speak with one of the clergy or call the parish office at (251) 479-5474. Saint John's can be found on the Internet at www.stjohnsmobile.org.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are given by Andrew Lee
and by Lee Dorsey
to the glory of God

Prelude

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Song

All stand as the organ begins the introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the choir and ministers of the assembly move to the chancel.

Hymn 390

Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Sentence

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The Officiant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant continues

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his 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 him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People together, all kneeling.

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.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces

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All stand. The Officiant begins

Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

The Invitatory

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The Officiant continues

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Officiant and People sing Pascha Nostrum.

Hymn S47

William Henry Walter (1825-1893)

Christ our Passover

The Congregation prays Psalm 66, verses 7 through 18.

BCP p. 674

S 413

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 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.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,*
nor withheld his love from me.

THE LESSONS

The People may be seated.

The first Lesson, Acts 17:22-31, is now read

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.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing Cantic 13, Benedictus es, Domine.

Hymn S236

Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers

The people may be seated. The second lesson, 1 Peter 3:13-22, is now read

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.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 628

St. Ethelwald

Help us, O Lord, to learn

The People may be seated, The third lesson, John 14:15-21, is now read.

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."

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Debbie Waldrop

The Apostles' Creed

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All stand as the Officiant rises. The Officiant introduces the Creed, saying

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

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.

Welcome & Announcements

The People may be seated for the Welcome & Announcements.

The Offering

During the singing of the Offertory, the ushers will collect the people's offerings.

Offertory Hymn 500

Surrey

Creator Spirit, by whose aid

THE PRAYERS

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All stand as the Officiant rises. The Officiant begins

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant and People sing

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Suffrages

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

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you.

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect for the Day

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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, for ever and ever.

*Amen.***A Collect for Sundays**

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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 Mission**

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

*Amen.***The Intercessions**

The People remain standing. The Officiant bids the Intercessions and Thanksgivings, using the Prayers Form VI, found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer.

At the conclusion of the Intercessions, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray

Officiant and People

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.

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 to us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.

The Officiant concludes

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People remain standing and sing the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn 656

Franconia

Blest are the pure in heart

Officiant 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.

Postlude

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Homilist Debbie Waldrop
Officiant..... Nikki Shaw
First Lesson Lector Nikki Shaw
Second Lesson Lector..... Paula Ross
Third Lesson Lector..... Br. Jacob Luke
Altar Guild..... Irene Yeager & Br. Jacob Luke
Vestry Tellers.....Connie McLean & Jan Joseph

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

42 May 7, Easter 5

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers in Christ: Charlynn Will, Curtis Gass, Bootsie Cieutat, Mary Jones, Cookie Rich, David Rich, Bob Anderson, Helen Guthrie, Kathe Gieseler, Mike Barbour, Irene Yeager, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jerry Fulford, James Christiansen, Audrey Garner, Joyce Lee, Jayson Chestang, Budd McLean.

Our sister that cannot be with us: Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: Kevin Collins, Jason Taylor, Angie Leon, David Hamilton, Errol Sweetser, Lenora Cadden, Donna Latham, Sheila Cassity Granger, Barbara Bonner, Evina Valera, David Brunner, Mary Horner, Susan Hansen, Karl Gieseler, Keith Matthews, Randy Dunn, Sharon Lee Nolan, Peggy Sheffield, Eddie Hun, Katelynn Tillman, Karen Twilley, Nancy Payne, Donna Pigg, Tiffany Matthews, Betty Williams, Latecia Cushion Knight, Bonnie Jernigan, Britney Butler, Neal Tourné, Sandy Michel, Paul Nelson, John Switzer (*priest*).

Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces:

Nicholas Boykin, Joshua Maddox, Ryan Hurt, Jacob Hester-Heard, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner, Eric Mattoon.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

Today	8:45 AM	Christian Formation
	10:00AM	Morning Prayer: Sixth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:45 AM	Christian Formation
	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer: Seventh Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall

The church office is staffed from 9:00AM until 2:00PM on Tuesday. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call Fr John at 205-354-3699. The office@stjohnsmobile.org email account will be checked regularly.

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