



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

MORNING PRAYER
RITE II

MAY 21 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 Bob and Connie Anderson
to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Laura Anderson

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 512

Mendon

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly dove

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 68:1-10, 33-36.

BCP p. 676

S 413

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 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 wearry.

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!

THE LESSONS

The People may be seated.

The first Lesson, Acts 1:6-14, is now read

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 4:12-14;5:6-11, is now read

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's

sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

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.

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 17:1-11, is now read.

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.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Kathe Gieseler

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 219

Ach Herr, du allerhöchster Gott

The Lord ascendeth up on high

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

BCP p. 224

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

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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

BCP p. 101

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 214

Llanfair

Hail the day that sees him rise

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:

Officiant..... Kathe Gieseler
First Lesson LectorMary Sheffield
Second Lesson Lector.....Janet Buckley
Third Lesson Lector..... Geri Moulton
Altar Guild.....Connie Anderson & Bootsie Cieutat
Vestry Tellers.....Nikki Shaw & Mary Sheffield

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

32 May 21, Easter 6

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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