

The 6th Sunday of Easter

MORNING PRAYER

22 MAY 2022

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 Kathe Gieseler
to the glory of God, and
in celebration of the birthday of her
brother, Karl Josef Gieseler

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

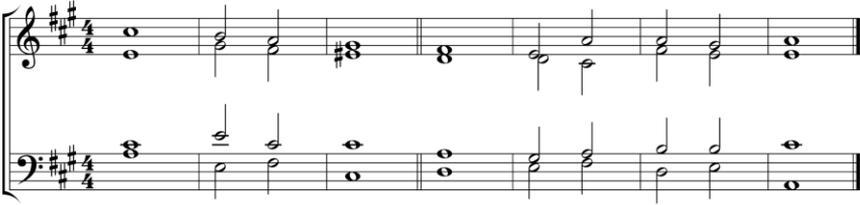
William Henry Walter (1825-1893)

Christ our Passover

The Psalm

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The Officiant and People remain standing and pray Psalm 67.



- 1 May God be merciful to | us and | bless us, *
show us the light of his | counte-nance | and come to | us.
- 2 Let your ways be known | upon | earth, *
your saving | health a- | mong all | nations.
- 3 Let the peoples | praise you, O | God; *
let | all the | peoples | praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and | sing for | joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the | nations | upon | earth.
- 5 Let the peoples | praise you, O | God; *
let | all the | peoples | praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought | forth her | increase; *
may God, our | own God, | give us his | blessing.
- 7 May God | give us his | blessing, *
and may all the ends of the | earth stand in | awe of | him.

THE LESSONS

The People may be seated.

The first Lesson, Acts 16:9-15, is now read

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing beseeching him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."¹⁰ And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.¹¹ Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,¹² and from there to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia, and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days;¹³ and on the sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and

spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing Canticle 16, Benedictus Dominus Deus.



- 1 Blessèd be the Lord, the | God of | Israel; *
he has come to his | people and | set them | free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a | mighty | savior, *
born of the | house of his | servant | David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would | save us from our | enemies, *
from the | hands of | all who | hate us.
- 4 He promised to show | mercy to our | fathers *
and to re | member his | holy | covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our | father | Abraham, *
to set us | free from the | hands of our | enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him with | öüt | fear, *
holy and righteous in his | sight all the | days of our | life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the | Möst | High, *
for you will go before the | Lord to pre | pare his | way,
- 8 To give his people | knowledge of sal | vation *
by the for | giveness | of their | sins.



- ⁹ In the tender com | passion | of our | God *
the dawn from on | high shall | break up | on us,
¹⁰ To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
| shadow of | death, *
and to guide our | feet in- to the | way of | peace.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, *
and | to the | Holy | Spirit:
As it was in the be- | ginning, is | now, *
and | will be for | ever. A | men.

The people may be seated. The second lesson, Revelation 21:10,22-22:5, is now read

In the Spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates shall never be shut by day -- and there shall be no night there; ²⁶ they shall bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1} Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; ⁴ they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing Canticle 21, Te Deum laudamus

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 You are God: we **praise you**;
You are the Lord: we **acclaim you**;
- 2 You are the eternal **Father**:
All creation **worships you**.
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of **heaven**,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless **praise**:
- 4 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and **might**,
heaven and earth are full of your **glory**.
- 5 The glorious company of apostles **praise you**.
The noble fellowship of prophets **praise you**.
- 6 The white-robed army of martyrs **praise you**.
Throughout the world the holy Church **acclaims you**;
- 7 Father, of majesty **unbounded**,
your true and only Son, worthy of all **worship**,
- 8 and the Holy **Spirit**,
advocate and **guide**.
- 9 You, Christ, are the king of **glory**,
the eternal Son of the **Father**.
- 10 When you became man to set us **free**
you did not shun the Virgin's **womb**.
- 11 You overcame the sting of **death**
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all **believers**.
- 12 You are seated at God's right hand in **glory**.
We believe that you will come and be **our judge**.

¹³ Come then, Lord, and help your **people**,
bought with the price of your own **blood**,
¹⁴ and bring us with your **saints**
to glory everlasting.

The People may be seated, The third lesson, John 14:23-29, is now read.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe.

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 380

Allan Bullard (b. 1947)

God in Mine Eternity

THE PRAYERS

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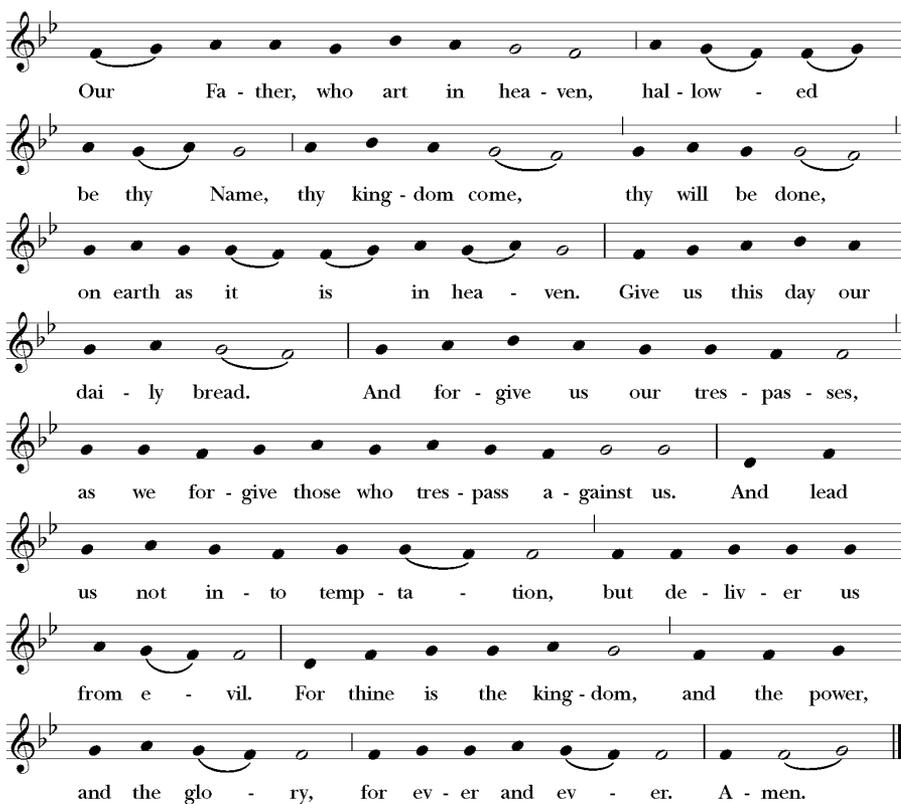
All stand as the Officiant rises. The Officiant begins

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

At the conclusion of the Intercessions, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray

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.*

Office Hymn 589

Walden

Almighty God, your word is cast

The Officiant concludes

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

The People remain standing and sing the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn 521

Chelsea Square

Put forth, o God, thy Spirit's might

The Dismissal

A Minister dismisses the assembly, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

SERVING IN TODAY’S LITURGY:

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

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

26 15 May, Fifth Sunday After Easter

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN’S:

Today	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer: Sixth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
	11:30 AM	4th Sunday Pot-luck
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	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, Tuesday and Wednesday. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call the Senior Warden at 251-709-2343. The office@stjohnsmobile.org email account will be checked regularly.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers Mitchell Schlegel, Neva Bache, Irene Yeager, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jerry Fulford, James Christiansen, Audrey Garner, Joyce Lee, Jayson Chestang.

Our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us: Marian Boykin, Bob & Paula Ross, Ron & Marie Brown, Budd McLean, Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: Doug Turner, Darrell Thaxton, Bob Sheffield, Steve Wood, Carla Peacock, Carol Unsworth, Susan Hansen, Bill Cutts, Pam Garner, Karl Gieseler, Keith Matthews, Randy Dunn, Sharon Lee Nolan, Willie Douglas, Gail Savage, Daniel Day, Shirley Cochran, Peggy Sheffield, Cliff Federle, Helen Guthrie, 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, Connor Crist, Paul Nelson

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.

Those who have died: Howard Yeager.

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