

The 5th Sunday of Easter

MORNING PRAYER

15 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 Jan Joseph
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 457

St James

Thou art the Way

Opening Sentence

BCP p. 77

The Officiant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 79

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

BCP p. 80

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

BCP p. 81

The Officiant continues

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm

BCP p. 759

The Congregation prays Psalm 148.

BCP p. 805

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the **heavens**; *
praise him in the **heights**.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of **his**; *
praise him, all his **host**.
- 3 Praise him, sun and **moon**; *
praise him, all you shining **stars**.

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- 4 Praise him, heaven of **heavens**, *
and you waters above the **heavens**.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the **LORD**; *
for he commanded, and they were **created**.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and **ever**; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass **away**.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the **earth**, *
you sea-monsters and all **deeps**;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and **fog**, *
tempestuous wind, doing his **will**;
- 9 Mountains and all **hills**, *
fruit trees and all **cedars**;
- 10 Wild beasts and all **cattle**, *
creeping things and winged **birds**;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all **peoples**, *
princes and all rulers of the **world**;
- 12 Young men and **maidens**, *
old and young **together**.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the **LORD**, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and **heaven**.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal **servants**, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

The Officiant and People sing Pascha Nostrum.

Hymn S47

William Henry Walter (1825-1893)

Christ our Passover

THE LESSONS

The People are seated.

The first Lesson, Acts 11:1-18, is now read

Now the apostles and the brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ But Peter began and explained to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, something descending, like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I said, ‘No, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brethren also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this they were silenced. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance unto life.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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



- 1 Blessed 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 | out | 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 second lesson, Revelation 21:1-6, is now read

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; ³ and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment."

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)

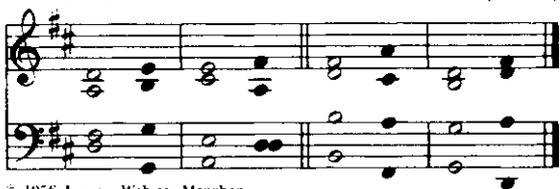


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- ¹ You are God: we **praise you**;
You are the Lord: we **acclaim you**;
- ² You are the eternal **Father**:
All creation **worships you**.
- ³ To you all angels, all the powers of **heaven**,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless **praise**:
- ⁴ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and **might**,
heaven and earth are full of your **glory**.

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- 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 13:31-35, is now read.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; ³² if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that

you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Br. Jacob Taylor

The Apostles' Creed

BCP p. 96

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.

The Peace

BCP p. 332

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

Malcolm Archer

A New Commandment

THE PRAYERS

BCP p. 97

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

BCP p. 98

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

BCP p. 98

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
At the end of each petition the people say, "Hear our prayer."*

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 426

Northampton

Songs of praise the angels sang

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 377

Old 100th

All people that on Earth do dwell

Postlude

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers Howard Yeager, 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, Laticia 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.

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

25 8 May, Fourth Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

Today	10:00 AM	Sung Mass: Fifth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
	11:30 AM	ECW Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	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

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.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Greeter	Connie and Bob Anderson
Officiant.....	Br. Jacob Taylor
First Lesson Lector	Nikki Shaw
Second Lesson Lector.....	David Thompson
Third Lesson Lector.....	Br. Jacob Taylor
Altar Guild.....	Irene Yeager & Br. Jacob Taylor
Vestry Tellers.....	David Jones & James Christiansen

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Mr. Howard Yeager, *junior warden*.

