

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter/Sunday After the Ascension (Year A)      May 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

9:30 A.M. (RITE II)

To Participate call at 9:25am: Free Call Number  
**605-472-5741 Access Code 668055.** Join Zoom Meeting; Check your email message for the  
link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3282285640?pwd=bjZhMUhtclNtRkJJMFREZl5dng1QT09> or

Zoom Phone line: Meeting ID: 328 228 5640 Password: 7TdyBW

Mute your phone if you are in a very busy area.

*Call to Order with music if possible!*

**Opening Hymn AAHH 293: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Diadem)**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

*Refrain:*

*And crown him, crown him, crown him,*

*Crown him Lord of all!*

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all! *Refrain:*

Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all! *Refrain:*

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all! *Refrain:*

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*          The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Gloria

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## The Collect

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.*

## First Lesson

Acts

### *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10; 33-36

*The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 68. We will read it responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

- 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 weary.
- 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!

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

## The Epistle

## 1 Peter

### *A reading from the First Letter of Peter*

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.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn AAHH 505: “*Somebody Prayed For Me*”**

**(Dorothy Norwood)**

1 Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,  
Took the time and prayed for me.  
I'm so glad they prayed,

I'm so glad they prayed,  
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

2 The preacher prayed for me, had me on his mind,  
Took the time and prayed for me.  
I'm so glad he prayed,  
I'm so glad he prayed,  
I'm so glad he prayed for me.

3 My mother prayed for me, had me on her mind,  
Took the time and prayed for me.  
I'm so glad she prayed,  
I'm so glad she prayed,  
I'm so glad she prayed for me.

4 Jesus prayed for me, had me on his mind,  
Took the time and prayed for me.  
I'm so glad he prayed,  
I'm so glad he prayed,  
I'm so glad he prayed for me.

## The Gospel

John 17:1-11

### *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

Glory to you, Lord Christ

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."

*People*            The Gospel of the Lord  
                         Praise to you, Lord Christ

**Sermon**

**Pastor Prince**

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of the People Form III***

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Lord Jesus Christ, You Who created human beings with utter goodness, the healer of our souls and bodies, heed now the cries of your people throughout the world, and save us from the Coronavirus. This affliction has spread ferociously and the fear of death has surrounded us. Many have suffered and many have died. We ask you to have mercy upon us and save us. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In the **Anglican Communion we pray for, *Saint Augustine / Anglican Communion Sunday; Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world, For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd. Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops; For members of the Anglican Consultative Council; For the Secretary General, The Most Revd. Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York***

In the Diocese, let us pray for ***St. Augustine's Church, DC; Seabury Resources for Aging; Friendship Terrace St. Mary's Court; Collington Episcopal Life Care Community; Pray for all Seniors and their Ministries in the Church; The Day of Pentecost; Whitsunday, May 31; St. Columba's Church, DC; St. Columba's Nursery School, DC; Pray for North Prince George and Southern Maryland Regions of the Diocese.***

**We also pray for the Clergy: *Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, *Mariann*, our Bishop, Chilton Knudsen our Assisting Bishop and *Prince*, our Rector.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. **We pray for: Donald, our President, the Congress and Senate** of the United States; **the Supreme Court; Larry, our Governor; Angela, our County Executive.** **We pray for all heads of states and their government; that they may lead to wise decisions and right actions for the good of their citizens. We pray for good relationship between nations and this time we pray for the World Health Organization and for all Global Organizations.** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Dear God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all living things, the animals to whom you gave the earth as their home in common with us. We remember with shame that in the past we have exercised the high dominion of man with ruthless cruelty so that the voice of the earth, which should have gone up to you in song, has been a groan of travail. May we realize that we live not for ourselves alone but for all that you created and called ‘good’! Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those who have tested positive of the Coronavirus, those in quarantine, those who give service in hospitals, Nursing Homes, and all place providing medical services to those in need. We also pray for those who are dealing with the loss of their loved ones, especially Reanne and the Richards family, for.....; Visit and comfort the sick and suffering too, dear Lord. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and correct confused minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs including: **Larry** Sweeney; **Azante** Williams (sister of D’Marco Murray); **Jean** Gill (congregation member); **Consuello** Chapman (congregation member); **Charlotte** Gibbs (congregation member); **Brenda** Murray (congregation member); **Florence** Burt (congregation member); **Stephanie** Sharp (family of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles) and **Akil** Jackson (friend of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles); **Lillian** Smith (congregation member); and **Nancy** Murrell (congregation member). **Charlize** Gilliam (niece of June Wood). We pray for our **Military Personnel: Kenneth** Hubbard, **Jay** Lemon, **Omega** Marks, **Emmanuel** Staples-Bloom & **Festina** Hume-Dawson. Support them all with your great love and mercy, and be with those others known to us and whom we now name in our hearts... Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember **Bernadette, Patrick Sr. and Patrick Jr.**, for.....Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Priest, stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

## ***Announcements/Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers***

E-giving: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-2031> or go to the webpage [epiphanyforestville.org](http://epiphanyforestville.org). Click on Worship and scroll down and look for Tithes and offerings can be made through this link: [Click Here](#)

## **Offertory Hymn “The Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

## **Prayer**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

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 ourselves 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.

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

## **By a 7year Old**

## The Blessing & Dismissal

### Closing Song AAHH 148: "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed  
*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. *Refrain*

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **The Seventh Sunday in Easter**



**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE.**

**THANK YOU.**

**Bible Study:** Phone in Bible Study will take place on Wednesday at 7:30pm. Free Call Number: 605-472-5741  
Access Code 668055. Read Sunday's Gospel

**Semi-Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2020. Details about the meeting will be posted after the Vestry Meeting.

**The United Thank Offering:** Today we will be collecting donation from members and friends in support the Annual United Thank Offering (UTO). Every penny contributed will be used solely for implementing national and international program grants addressing compelling human needs. So please, give generously. Please make contribution by e-giving or mail your check to the church and mark UTO in the memo column.

**Food Bank:** Epiphany Episcopal Church is conducting this survey to determine the level of need for a community-based food pantry. The purpose of the food pantry would be to address any hunger and food insecurity that may exist among the church and surrounding community population. In the interim, we collected non-perishable food items to serve people in need. These items were distributed to St. Matthews Hyattsville and St. Michaels and All Angels that have an active food bank but was running short. Our appeal is that you complete survey mailed by Alethea as soon as possible. Thanks.

**Social Time:** Please stay connected after the service if you want to catch up and have some fun time.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: May 2020**

**Birthdays**

Ms. Edward Alston	<b>5/9</b>	Elizabeth Alston	5/19
Mrs. Carolyn Gurley	<b>5/25</b>	Ms. Xavia Hawkins	<b>5/10</b>
Ms. Faith Louers....	<b>5/22</b>	King Roulach	<b>2/21</b>
Isatu Staples .....	<b>5/15</b>	Avis Watts	<b>5/11</b>

**Wedding Anniversary**

Cynthia and Cecil Griffin  
Jerome & Corrine Archibald 5/26

**Serving Today Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2020**

<b>First Reading/Psalms</b>	Avis Watts
<b>The Epistle</b>	Gloria McKnight
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Nikki Wilkins-Jones