

Rite Two Sunday Worship

May 17th, 2020

Using those portions allowed when Holy Communion is not available.

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.**

Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

All Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The First Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.”

To conclude the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Jubilate Deo

Psalm 66:7-18

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 Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter

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.

To conclude the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

After the Gospel, the Gospeler says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Deacon Dutton Morehouse

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Deacon Let join our voices in prayer for the needs of this congregation, for the needs of this community, and for the needs of the whole world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, Don, and Paul our Bishops, for Keith and Neil our Bishops retired.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, The Most Rev'd Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon.

In our Diocese of Atlanta we pray for the clergy & people of St. Dunstan's, Atlanta; St. Bede's, Atlanta; Church of the Ascension, Cartersville; all congregations seeking new and renewed direction and we pray for the Bishop and people of our companion and partner, the Diocese of Cape Coast. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people: for Donald our President, Brian our Governor, Fred our Mayor and Philip our County Commission Chairman. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison, and the sick, especially Carol Blow, HD Cannington, Dan Jubelt, Bob Lyle, Jane Symmes, and Pat Wells. We pray that God would grant us humility and courage to serve those suffering COVID-19 infections and bring wisdom and patience to us all as we shelter in place and guard God's beloved creation from further spread of the Corona virus. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Doug Adkins and our Parish Committee on Ministry: Terry Blum, OJ Booker, Rick Crowne, and Anna Maret. We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed and for all who have lost their lives to the corona virus and its complications. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries especially Charles Baldwin, IV, Rhodes Baldwin, Pamela Hall, and Shelley MacMillan. Pray in celebration with those blessed by their lives.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now in the words our Savior taught us we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Blessing for Easter Season

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**