



*Christ's prayers for his disciples*

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**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 2020**

**The Cathedral is closed; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Since we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace. **Hebrews 4:14-16**

### **Versicles & Responses**

V. Hear us, O Lord,

R. **For your mercy is great.**

V. We will exalt you, O God our Saviour,

R. **And praise your name forever and ever.**

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

R. **As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Intent**

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

## INVITATORY

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
not with old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over Him.

In dying He died to sin once for all;  
in living He lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death:

by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;  
for as in Adam all die:

even also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## The Confession & Absolution

***The Minister says:***

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

***Silence may be kept.***

***Minister and people, together say:***

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All:**

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 “*Exsurgat Deus*”**

- 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.
- 32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; let Ethiopia  
stretch out her hand to God.
- 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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen**

**First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14** *“The Ascension of Jesus”*

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’  
7 He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 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.’ 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood

by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.’

*“Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas”*

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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**

**The Song of Moses** *Cantemus Domino*  
*Exodus 15:1-3, 6, 11,13, 17-18*

*Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season*

I will sing to the Lord, for His glorious triumph;  
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.  
The Lord has become my strength and refuge;  
the Lord Himself has become my Saviour.  
He is my God and I will praise Him;  
my father’s God and I will exalt Him.  
The Lord Himself is a mighty warrior;  
the Lord, the Lord is His Name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.  
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,

holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,  
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.  
You brought them in safety to your holy place,  
and planted them firm on your own mountain  
You brought them into your own house.  
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Lesson: John 17:1-11** *“Jesus Prays for His Disciples”*

17After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>‘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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>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 Word of the Lord**

### **Benedictus Luke 1:68-79**

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;  
You have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the  
house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets  
You promised of old to save us from our enemies  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy  
covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set  
us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before  
you all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the  
forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high  
shall break upon us,  
To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow  
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be  
forever. *Amen.***

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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 PRAYERS

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

*The Minister shall say:*

*Let us pray.*

**ALL:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done**

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. *Amen.*

### THE SUFFRAGES “A”

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;  
R. **That we may know the joy of your salvation.**

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;  
R. **And teach our leaders wisdom.**

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;  
R. **And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.**

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;  
R. **That your justice may be known among all people.**

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;  
R. **That in us and through us your will may be done.**

### **The Collect of the Day** ~ The Sunday after Ascension Day

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 your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Sunday**

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 favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **The Reflection**

**Special Intentions for today:** for the protection, encouragement and comfort of our Risen and Ascended Lord over his Church; for his sustaining presence with those who suffer, especially persons who have been affected by the coronavirus; and for the restoration of joy to the Church, during this Ascensiontide.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
A light to our paths,  
And a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us to love and serve all persons  
in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

**THE BLESSING** ~ *“Ascension to Eve of Pentecost”*

Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more.



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

**Comments** ~ *“Jesus’ companions at prayer”*

In this reading **we hear of Jesus’ promise of empowerment for mission by the Holy Spirit, after which he is envisioned being lifted up into heaven.** The author of Acts pictures the missionary work of the church spreading outward from Jerusalem. In obedience to Jesus’ command, the disciples return to the city and with others of Jesus’ followers and relatives, prayerfully await the coming of the Spirit. Although Jesus will one day appear again, his

community now has a ministry to bring the good news to the world.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

A psalm of praise to the mighty God who has brought the people out of Egypt and saved Israel from her enemies. God reigns on high.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

**Comments** ~ *“God sustains those who suffer”*

In this lesson we learn that **when Christians find it necessary to suffer for their faith, they are to know that they are sharing in Christ’s sufferings.** They can even find cause for rejoicing, recognising that this may well be a sign that God’s Spirit is with them. The advice was given during an outbreak of persecution of Christians in Asia Minor. The disciples are urged to make sure that they only suffer in a right cause and are then unashamed to confess Christ’s name.

The Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

**Comments** ~ *“Christ’s prayer for his disciples”*

In our Gospel **Jesus asks the Father that his glory may be made fully known in his Son, and he prays for his disciples, through whom this glory now shines.** These words are part of what is called Jesus’ high-priestly prayer offered before his death. God’s glory has been shown forth in Jesus’ ministry and will be radiant in his crucifixion and resurrection. Now and afterwards Jesus’ followers will

realise that all that Jesus has given to them has come from the Father.

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. **The Cathedral Church** is now fully closed. However, as the country enters Phase Three, resuming some economic activity, some adjustments were made. As we know, according to the Directive, churches are allowed to be open for weddings (with no more than 6 persons present), funerals (no more than 20 mourners) or the streaming of services (no more than 20 persons, inclusive of the officiant). In addition, they **may** be opened occasionally during the week, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. by the sexton/warden/clergy for ventilation/cleaning purposes only but not for any other use by congregants or the general public.
2. **Confirmation Classes:** Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. **Electronic sessions will begin very soon.**
3. **Household Worship:** The Cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for the sixth week of Easter begins on page 750, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 are Leviticus 25:35-55; Psalm 80; and Matthew 13:1-16.
4. **Stewardship of Treasure:** During this period when the congregation is not assembling for corporate

worship, members are asked to fulfil their individual financial commitments to God, in the mission of the Cathedral, by the regular use of the envelopes which have been issued. The following options are available:

- i. Bring the offering to the Cathedral and lodge it with the Administrative Assistant at the Office on Tuesdays to Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The collection of food items for hampers, care packages or pantries and the distribution thereof, continue. Drop-offs of items by congregants should be done only on their assigned days for doing personal business.
- ii. Write a cheque to St. Michael's Cathedral, place it in the regular offering envelope and then in another envelope addressed to The Dean, St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael for mailing purposes.
- iii. Make an online payment to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02; Transit # 09606.
- iv. If none of these three arrangements is convenient, I ask that the offering be set aside, either weekly or monthly, as one would normally present it, and that the entire package be ready when corporate worship resumes.

Thanks for your kind consideration and generous response, thus far.



5. **Ministry Today:** The following basic ministries will be sustained during the emergency period: Administration (Human Resources, Financial and Property management); Christian Education (Bible study, etc.); Pastoral Services (Prayer, Counsel and Bereavement Support); Social Outreach (Deacon's Cupboard, SMCFA); and Worship (Streaming of services, Family worship, Daily Devotion).
6. **Pentecost Novena:** Members are asked to use Ascensiontide (Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30, 2020) as a time for intense prayer for deliverance from the coronavirus pandemic and for the renewal of the universe and all its creatures.
7. [https://issuu.com/diocesefcanterbury/docs/14886\\_dofcanterbury\\_novena\\_tkc\\_web](https://issuu.com/diocesefcanterbury/docs/14886_dofcanterbury_novena_tkc_web) This link provides a resource which also goes with the Novena.

## **DIOCESAN NEWS**

**The Opening of Church Offices & Church Halls:** Church Offices and Halls may be opened daily, between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., only for the receipt of 'tithes and offerings' and the collection of food items for hampers, care packages or pantries and the distribution thereof. Drop-offs of items by congregants should be done only on their assigned days for doing personal business. No other in-person business meetings or counselling sessions or funeral/wedding arrangement sessions are allowed. These will continue to be done via telephone, email, or video/audio conferencing.

***Congratulations to all those person celebrating  
birthdays this week May 24<sup>th</sup> ~ May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

*Mr. Robert Agbowu ~ 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Ms. Marcia R. Hoyte ~ 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Mr. Jerry A. Alleyne ~ 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Ms. Deidre Cox ~ 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Ms. Kimberlet P. Layne ~ 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Mrs. Linda R. Springer ~ 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Ms. Doris D. Hinds ~ 30<sup>th</sup>*



***May God bless and strengthen you.***

## ***Theme for the Week***

***“Any departure of Jesus from our lives saddens us.  
But he does it to reinforce his presence right here,  
within us.”***



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“Lord,  
teach us to  
pray...”



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