# Rejoice!

He has been raised. \_Mark 16:6

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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# The Seventh Sunday of Easter YEAR B

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President and Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

#### Opening Hymn ~ 196

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now:
 a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light.

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given: their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854/5)

Opening Sentence "Easter" Page 98 Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

#### THE INVOCATION

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#### PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **ALL:**

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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#### **ALL:**

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.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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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 Collect: "The Seventh Sunday of Easter" Page 171

Let us pray.

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*.

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q. C.

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verses 15 to 17 and 21 to 26.

stood 15 In days Peter those up among believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup> Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— 17 for he was numbered among us and was ministry.' allotted share this his in <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.
- 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.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q. C. 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter of John, chapter 5, verses 9 to 13.

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

#### **Epilogue**

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

#### The Gradual Hymn ~ 195

The golden gates are lifted up, the doors are opened wide, the King of Glory is gone up unto his Father's side.

And ever on our earthly path a gleam of glory lies, a light still breaks behind the cloud that veils thee from our eyes.

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds, and let thy grace be given, that, while we linger yet below,

#### our treasure be in heaven;

that, where thou art at God's right hand, our hope, our love may be: dwell in us now, that we may dwell for evermore in thee.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

The Holy Gospel: John 17:6-19

Gospellers:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Canon George Knight

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 17, verses 6 to 19.

#### **ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour**

6 '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. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

**ALL:** Praise to Christ our Lord.

**The Sermon:** "The Myrrh bearers: Proclaiming the

Risen Christ in the World Today."

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M. ~The Rev'd Erma Ambrose, Rector of St. Paul's.

**Topic:** "Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus"

#### 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 in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfilment of 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.

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.

INTERCESSION FOR USE ON THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **FORM** "C" (Amended) Page 108

Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q. C. 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and we also pray for the unity of all peoples: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea and for "Thy Kingdom Come" global prayer movement.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming: We thank God for the Myrrh bearers of the resurrection narrative and pray

that the disciples of today would be empowered to bear the good news of the risen Christ, by word as well as by deed.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.** 

For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all people:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfillment:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.** 

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them: especially we remember people affected by COVID-19.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought, flood or volcanic eruption, and for a just and proper use of God's creation: We especially remember the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, affected by the eruption

of La Soufrière volcano; we pray for a spirit of generosity, charity and hospitality in response to their needs.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.** 

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light: for those celebrating a birthday this week, Carmen, Hyacinth, Julianne, Beverley, Lawrence, Donnah and any other person not mentioned by name.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.** 

Silence may be kept.

#### **ALL:**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help: for you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### **ACT OF PENITENCE**

The congregation kneels.

#### PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

#### PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

#### **ALL:**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.

#### THE ABSOLUTION

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#### PRESIDENT:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

#### **THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A"** Page 124

#### PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

#### **ALL:**

#### Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

#### PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

#### The Offertory Hymn ~ 170

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

#### Refrain

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride, and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

#### Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain:
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.

#### Refrain

Words: Gloria Gaither (1942-), and William Gaither (1936-).

Words © William J. Gaither.

#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"

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#### PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE EUCHARISTC PRAYER

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

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But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

#### **ALL**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A"

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#### PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father, Our Creator God, we give you thanks because in your loving wisdom you brought all things into being, and are truly worthy of praise from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
Who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

#### PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

#### ALL:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father, rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation; His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice made once for all upon the Cross; His Mighty Resurrection from the dead; His Glorious Ascension into heaven; and looking for His Coming in glory; we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood, of your Son, our great High Priest, may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God, living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness, that we may be found ready to join the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all your saints, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again: Forever giving you thanks and praise through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

#### **ALL:**

Blessing and honour and glory and power Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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#### PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD "A"** Page 145

#### PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

#### **ALL:**

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

#### THE COMMUNION

The Invitation "B"

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#### PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL:** 

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

#### THE AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.



# The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

**The Hymn ~ 569** 

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne; alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone: hark, the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay; alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own; alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest; thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
alleluia, alleluia
to the Triune Majesty.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

#### THE POST COMMUNION "A"

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#### **ALL:**

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirt shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING "Ascensiontide"

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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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and forever more.

#### ALL: Amen.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### THE DISMISSAL

#### The Recessional Hymn ~ 190

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne, hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own: awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1893), alt.

Organ Postlude

#### WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts1:15-17, 21-26

**Comment:** "Matthias added to the apostles"

In this lesson, we hear of the selection of Matthias to take Judas's place as one of the twelve apostles. Peter perceives that it is prophesied that another should replace Judas, and lots are cast to select between two men who had been among the larger band of Jesus' followers. Matthias is chosen as one of the companions of Jesus who is able to witness to the resurrection.

#### Psalm 1

The Lord makes fruitful those who choose the way of righteousness.

Second Reading (The Epistle): 1 John 5:9-13

**Comment:** "Life in the Son of God"

In this lection, disciples are bid to believe in the testimony that God has borne to Jesus, the Son of God. They are to have confidence that their prayers are heard and that in the Son they have eternal life. Elsewhere in this letter it is indicated that God's witness to Jesus is especially made known through the experience of love, a love made manifest in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus as the Son of God realise this testimony within their own hearts. Refusal to accept this witness means to lose the possibility of true life.

The Holy Gospel: John 17:6-19

Comment: "Christ's prayer for his disciples"

In our gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples shortly before his death, asking for their unity and sanctification in truth. He prays that they may be protected in the Father's name, that is, by God's true character as it has been made known by Jesus. Because of Jesus' revelation to them, the disciples are set apart from disbelieving worldly society.

Yet, in another important sense, they remain a part of this world and are consecrated to witness to the truth in it.

#### **CATHEDRAL NEWS**



Household Worship: Public worship has resumed in the Cathedral; however, in accordance with the provision of the EMP (COVID-19) (No. 9) Directive 2021, attendance is limited to the number of people that the building can accommodate, six feet apart in all directions. Meantime, members are encouraged to worship virtually at the 9:00 Eucharist, or 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 Seventh Week of Easter begins on page 751, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 are Ezekiel 4:1-17, Psalm 89:1-18, and Hebrews 6:1-12.

Stewardship of Treasure: During the period of lockdown, members were unable to make their regular financial contributions to the church in the usual manner. However, several persons made use of the options which were provided, and we are grateful for their contributions. For the convenience of all, online payments may be made to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International

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**Preaching Series:** This Easter, there will be a preaching series entitled, "Myrrh Bearers: Proclaiming the Risen Christ in the World Today." Welcome to the Rev'd Erma Ambrose, Rector of St. Paul's who brings this series to a climax. Sincere thanks to all the preachers in the series.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 A.M. On that day, the feast of Pentecost, there will be one service, at 8:00 A.M.

**Audio Equipment:** After extensive consultation, a decision has been taken to replace the sound system. This project is estimated to cost over \$20,000.00. Parishioners and well-wishers are invited to make contributions to meet this expense. Thanks to persons who have already made a donation or have pledged towards this cause.

**Ash Fall:** The cleaning of the Cathedral, both the inside and the environs, has been a mammoth task. It is ongoing. Meanwhile, your generous contribution towards the non-budgeted expenditure would be appreciated.

Thy Kingdom Come global prayer movement: Members are encouraged to join with other Christians across the globe in praying for people to know Jesus. This is an annual wave of prayer during Ascensiontide. Please see the link below.

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Our unity in Jesus and our charity for one another speak as loudly as any prayer."



**Diocesan Calendars:** The 2021 Diocesan Calendars are available through the office of the Administrative Assistant, at the price of \$6.00 each.



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 16th to 22nd May, 2021

Mrs. Carmen Boakye-Cofie ~ 18th

Ms. Hyacinth A. Rodgers ~ 18th

Ms. Julianne A. Ifill ~ 19th

Ms. Beverley M. Small ~ 20th

Mr. Lawrence E. Pollard ~ 21st

Ms. Donnah M. Russell ~ 22nd



May God bless and strengthen you.



Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Mrs. Colleen Byer, Ms. Eudora Cooper, Mr. Allison Daniel, Ms. Alice P. Hall, Mr. Jonathan Holder, (N.Y), Mrs. Olga Holder, Ms. Selina Jones, Mrs. Vida King, Mr. Blair Murray, Ms. Phyllis Springer, Ms. Winifred Trotman, Mr. Albert Walcott.



#### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Today Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after
Ascension Day

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



# Next Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday 8:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist 9:30 A.M. ~ The Annual Meeting of the Parish



### OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL Church Warden Emeritus

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Assistant Secretary: Ms. Harriett Clarke

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Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J.P.

Dr. Wendy Sealy

#### **Alternative Synod Representative**

Ms. Donna Inniss



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Woman's Auxiliary: Vacant

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#### **NOTES:**

**BibleWise** 

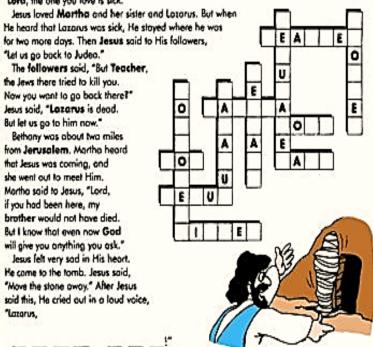
# Lazarus Lives Again!

Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life

-Luke 10: John 11

The story of Lazarus is one of the most exciting in the Bible! Fit all the bold words from the story into the grid below. All the vowels are already in place to help you. Then go from top to bottom and take the letters in the shoded boxes to find out what Jesus said to Lazarus when Lazarus was dead and buried.

There was a man named Lazarus who was sick. He lived in the town of **Bethany**, where Mary and her sister Martha lived. **Mary** and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."



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WORD SEARCH

# MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS

P Y N H Q J M X E I X J T Y N F X Q L E
Q Q A B X A B B R T R J G L N T V F A E
M C E N T U M K E E U F E B V E H F Z L
W K K X O X S J V T A C A V E U E G A O
L O D T M I X Q L Z H W D S S C K X R F
D I A Q B B N Q W J P A Y T W D M S U W
S G N K H G X T S V Q Y N R D D N T S F
V V B E P A Y G D K E Y O Y E Y N O T R
S D N G N E N E S A J E D O W V F N Y I
M H T S L S J D H C T S U J L I I E N E
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