

8:00 SERVICE

*online on Zoom*



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

# Welcome, Visitors!

We are glad you joined us for this online service. Please fill out our [Online Welcome Card](#) so we can get to know you. Visit our website [www.st-john-aptos.org](http://www.st-john-aptos.org), for more information about our community.

## Announcements

*An asterisk (\*) denotes in-person events or activities.*

Mother Tracy will be on vacation from April 26-May 22. During her absence:

Father John Duncan and Amma Eliza Linley will be leading worship, and Amma Eliza will be answering the clergy on-call line.

Bart Coddington, as senior warden, will be the person canonically in charge of the parish in her absence. Go to him with any personnel issues and administrative issues that don't require the services of a priest. Nelson Crandall, as treasurer, will be in charge of financial matters.

**\*Tuesdays, 5/11, 5/18 Prayer Vigil**, Front Courtyard 11:45 am 12:30 p.m. Contact: Sherrie DeWitt.

**\*Sundays, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 5 p.m., Stations of Resurrection**, Front Courtyard.

**\*Sunday, 5/23, Pentecost Sunday, In-person Holy Eucharist 10:30 am - 11:30 am** (without chalice) Front Courtyard (outdoors), also broadcast as virtual worship. (The 8:00 Morning Prayer service will still be online only, and the 9:15 formation hour will be online only.) Please bring your own chair, wear a mask, and keep six feet of distance from others. (Regardless of your vaccination status, these protocols must be followed!)

You must register for in person worship. [Click here to register](#). **Deadline to register is Friday, May 21.** If you have trouble you may email the office and ask Chrys to add you to the event.

**To sign up for drive-by communion (deadline to sign up for wafer pick up / delivery is Saturday May 22.)** [Click here to register](#). If you have questions please contact the altar guild.

# MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

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## Opening Sentence

BCP 76

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## The Invitatory & Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips. BCP 80  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.** (*Psalm 51:16*)  
*All* **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.**

*Antiphon:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

## Pascha Nostrum

BCP 83

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## Psalm 98

*BCP Translation*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

# The Lessons

## Introduction to the First Lesson

Right before this passage begins, Peter has just been sent to Cornelius, a Roman soldier. Despite his hesitancy around visiting a Gentile in his home, Peter goes and finds Cornelius ready and eager to hear what he has to say, having just had a vision telling him to listen to Peter. Peter proclaims the Gospel to him. This reading picks up in the middle of Peter's speech.

## Acts 10:44-48

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

## Canticle 20: Glory to God

*Revelation 15:3-4, BCP 94*

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

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.

*All*      **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.**

## Introduction to the Second Lesson

For the second lesson, we continue our reading from the first letter of John where last week's reading left off.

### 1 John 5:1-6

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

### Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

*BCP 91-92*

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
*All*    **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.**

## **Introduction to the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel reading continues where last week's Gospel reading left off, in Jesus's "Farewell Discourse" to his disciples in John.

### **John 15:1-8**

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. The preacher waits until they cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the sermon.

**Sermon      The Rev. John Duncan, Assisting Priest**

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

**The Apostles' Creed**

*BCP 96*

*All*    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

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

*Server* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Server* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

**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.**

## Suffrages B

BCP 98

*Server* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Server* Day by day we bless you;

*People* **We praise your Name for ever.**

*Server* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Server* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*People* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Server* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*People* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## Collect of the Day

*Server* 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.**

## A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

*Server* 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 the Renewal of Life

BCP 100

*Server* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

*Server* 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.**

## Community Prayers

### For Birthdays:

BCP 830

Watch over Sarah Roach(12), Floyd Butler (14), O Lord, as *their* days increase. Bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For Baptism Anniversaries:

BCP 421, modified

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servants \_\_\_\_\_ celebrate the anniversaries of *their* baptisms, give *them* courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen *them* in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For Wedding Anniversaries:

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants \_\_\_\_\_ that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**For Travelers:**

*BCP 831*

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular \_\_\_\_\_; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP 101*

*All* 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 our selves 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.

## Closing Versicle & Response

BCP 102

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

## Concluding Sentence

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Serving Today at 8 a.m.

<i>Officiant:</i>	Nelson Crandall
<i>Preacher:</i>	The Rev. John Duncan
<i>Scripture Introductions:</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
<i>Server:</i>	Nelson Crandall
<i>Lesson:</i>	Win Fernald
<i>Epistle:</i>	Chris Cottle
<i>Gospel:</i>	Margy Cottle
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Bart Coddington