

**A SERVICE OF MORNING DEVOTION
ON
*SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***



24 May 2020

10.30am

***Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Dalton, Georgia***

in

The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

Organ Prelude Andante in F

William Alfred Hall

Opening Hymn 450 (vv. 1, 4, 6) All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Coronation

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

Easter Greeting

The Officiant proclaims

†Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

People no one comes to the Father, but by me.

The Officiant welcomes the community and introduces the service.

Welcome

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exsurgat Deus*

The Hymnal 1982. S 413 Music: Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be/scattered; *
let those who hate him flee be/fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a/way; *
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 be/fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of/widows, *
God in his holy habi/tation!
- 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 in/heritance; *
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!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

The Lector first says

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.

After the Lesson, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Organ Meditation Meditation: “In Babilone”

B. Nichols

Second Lesson

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

The Lector first says

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

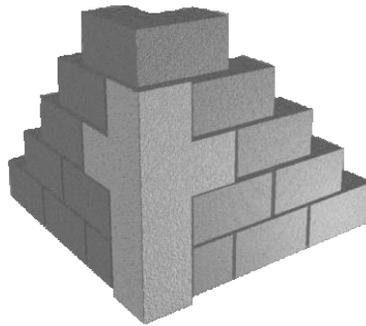
Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for 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.

After the Lesson, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.



Hymn 603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

(Hymnal 1982) *St. Botolph*

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, a per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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.”

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Homily

The Rev. Perry Scruggs

The Apostles' Creed

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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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Lesser Litany

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

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.

Intercessions

The Officiant bids the Intercessions with these words

AS LIVING STONES, let us pray for the building up of God's Church, and for the world God loves.

Silence

Living God, our life is in your hands,
and we offer you all that we are,
all that our past has made us, and all that we may become.
Build us up by the power of your Spirit into a spiritual temple
where you are glorified day after day,
in all our praise and worship,
and in our love for one another.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, you have called us to walk in your way,
we pray for the Church;
for all congregations, for pastors
and all who minister in word and sacrament;
we pray particularly for bishops,
Robert our Diocesan, Don and Paul our Assisting,
Michael our Presiding Bishop and Primate,
Victor in our companion and partner Diocese of Cape Coast,
and Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We pray for clear guidance and direction
in those issues which disturb us,
asking not that you lead us the easy way
but the way that is right and good.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, our planet,
with its frenzied life on its fragile skin,
is unnervingly small and vulnerable.
Sharpen our consciences to sense your direction
and protect us from all that draws us away from you.
Guide our leaders in the way of truth
and realign us all to the values which are built on you.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, may the Way which Jesus shows us
be the Way we live out our daily lives
around the table, in the daylight and the dark,
in the misunderstandings, the tensions and the rush,
in the eye contact, the conversations, the socializing at a distance from one another,
and the growing.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, you can use
and transform all our experiences.
We lay before you now
those who are traveling through a time
of pain or anguish, tragedy or conflict
which is hard to bear, especially those struggling with the pandemic that is covid-19,
bringing fear, loneliness, anxiety, depression;
yet manifesting acts of love, kindness, generosity, compassionate tenderness.
We pray for health and healing for those known to our community who suffer:
Geneva, Joan, Walter, Max, Cathie, Jeri, Jane, Amanda, Carolyn, Brenda,
Brooks Jr. & Sr., Sandy, Tommy, Ethel, Doris, Carol, Celia, Walt,
Marcus & Rebecca, Linda, Janelle, Beverly, Colleen, Beverly, and Nikki.
We stand alongside them in their suffering,
and offer it to your transforming, healing love.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, we pray for all those who find themselves on the frontlines of this coronavirus pandemic:
research scientists, physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, paramedics, firefighters,
police officers, chaplains, the cleaning staff;
we offer thanks for those essential workers who continue to provide for our essential needs:
agricultural and other food workers, retail workers, transportation workers,
and those who off load supplies and stock the shelves.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, we pray for those who are supporting our country through military service:
Blane, Aaron, Ashlyn, Allison, Kevin, Ben, Mark D., Jordan, Jonathan, Matthew H.,
Matthew K., Michael, Rebekah, Todd, Chris, Lindsay, and Mark W.
defend them day by day with your heavenly grace,
strengthen them in their trials and temptations,
give them courage to face the perils which beset them,
grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, we remember those who have died
and pray for them now.
Lead them out of their pain
into the light of eternity,
and keep us all in the Way that leads us
to share that everlasting life with you.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Living God, we thank you
for showing us the Way,
in human terms that we find easier to understand.

Silence

You are my strong rock:
my strong rock and my shelter.

Silence

The Officiant bids the Prayer for the Search for a Rector:
We pray for the Nominating Committee in their faithful work:

GOD OF ALL OUR DAYS AND WAYS, grant us wisdom as we work to discern and seek a good shepherd for
your people of St. Mark's. May we humbly and diligently complete each task set before us, turning to
you in prayer and accepting guidance from the spirit, when the way forward is unclear. Trusting always in
your grace and love, lead us on this journey. Amen.

At the end of the Intercessions, the Officiant adds the following concluding Collect.

ALmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to
be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant says the following prayer:

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication
to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may
be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.

Benedicamus

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Grace

The Officiant concludes with the following

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with
us all evermore. Amen.

1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
 2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the
 3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to

roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
 grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and
 God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly

char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
 Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
 plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.

Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful
 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with

al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals
 part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger
 God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in

high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
 eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
 thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Organ Postlude Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

Assisting in Service Today

The Rev. Perry Scruggs, Guest Clergy & Officiant
 Beth Nichols, Music Director
 Matt Hamilton, Reader
 Camilla Springfield & John Kenemer, Choir Members
 Alex Brown & Blake Bennett, Videographers



Thank you for worshipping with us today.