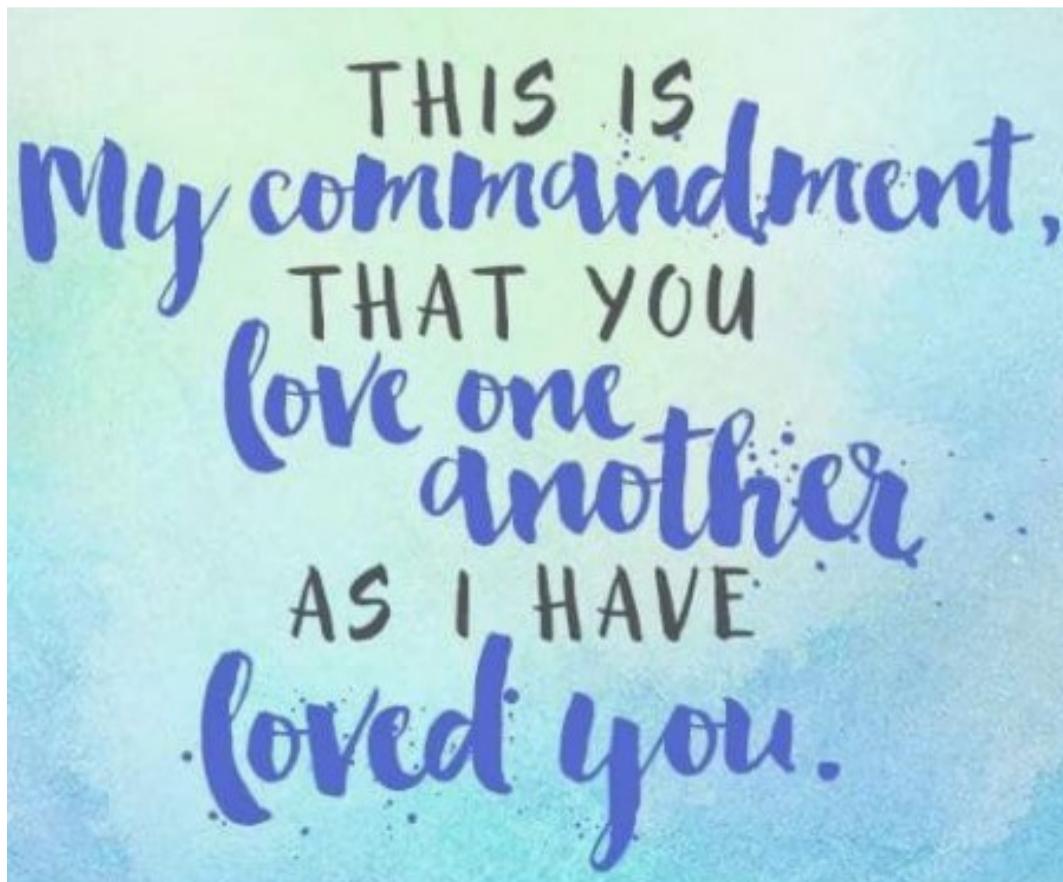


The Sixth Sunday after Easter

9 May 2020

9:30am



**Rogation Sunday & Blessings of Rebirth
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DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

OPENING HYMN #711

Seek ye first The kingdom of God

Seek ye first

Scriptures for Singing

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His righ - teous - ness; And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you. Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - - jah!

Chords: Eb, Bb/D, Cm, Eb/Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fm, Bb7, Eb, Bb/D, Cm, Eb/Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Ab, Bb sus4, Bb7, Eb

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Halleu, Hallelujah!

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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.**

PSALM 98

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

ANTIPHON

Officiant: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

CANTICLE: *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10: 44-48

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

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 in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN 5:1-6

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 15:9-17

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."

Deacon: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

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THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN #302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giving in Christ the
 was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands thy
 Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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 Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Officiant & People

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 for ever. Amen

SUFFRAGES A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.

We pray for all those struggling to find the light of Christ in this skeptical world

We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith.

We pray for our Nation may we seek justice and work to build harmony.

We bless all those who ride bicycles for fun and transportation, may they ride safely on our streets. We thank them for their contribution to the care of our environment.

We offer our prayers of Thanksgiving for all those who were or are mother to us, we offer Thanksgiving for all those who are mother to the next generation.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Bob Gowen, Yumi, Linda Hill, Ronald Garvey, Max, Arlene Goldstein, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Hudson** Beauregard; **Ellie Ruvo, Steven Schubert, Martha Thornley, Warren Blyden** and **Shlomo Teladano**

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings, Margaret Vaccaro, John & Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Jim, Marge, Joe Smith, Carolyn Damiano, Deanna Ammirato** and **Bill & Dorothy D'Amato**.

We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff Daniele, Andrew Tom, Rebecca, Vince Servio, Sarah Paruolo, Annaliese Haag, Gerald, Marilyn Griffin, Joyce, Paul Ruvo, Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore,** and **Jeff**.

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School**, and the American **Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**.

We pray for those who have died, in the violence enslaving the world and the over 560,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

PRAYERS OF BLESSING OVER OUR GARDENS



Please join me in lifting our voices to the One who Created the Heavens and the Earth, the Seas and the Dry Land.

O gracious God, who open your hand and fill all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that people everywhere may give you thanks. *Amen (BCP p828)*

God of grace, bless the work of the hands that tend gardens to feed the hungry of our community; let their effort bear much fruit of kindness and generosity. May the work they do for others be a blessing in their lives, may they know that in serving others they are serving you. May they harvest abundant love. *Amen*.

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness. *Amen. (BCP p824)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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.

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Officiant

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.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Morning Prayer concludes, Live stream ends. In person Service continues with Holy Eucharist