

**St. David's Episcopal (Anglican) Church  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 24, 2020**



The Rev. Canon Lloyd Anthony, Interim Priest  
The Rev. Canon Kortright Davis, Guest Preacher  
Rev. Charles H. Nelson, Deacon  
Rex Barrow and Herman Clark, *Wardens*  
Phyllis Fibleuil, *Music Director/Organist*

*Mission Statement:*

*("Proclaiming Good News to the Poor, the Blind, the Captive and the Oppressed")*

**About this Service**

This past week, we observed Ascension Day, one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Episcopal Church. Celebrated on the 40th day after Easter (and therefore always on a Thursday), it commemorates the day when Jesus ascended into heaven in the sight of his disciples. It was his final appearance on earth. Each time we say or sing the Creed, Christians affirm our belief that Jesus both rose from the dead and is now exalted in glory. The lectionary readings and musical selections for today, the seventh Sunday of the Easter season, continue to reflect on Christ's ascension and glorification. They also foreshadow the advent of the Holy Spirit, an occasion which will be fêted next Sunday on the day of Pentecost.

Sources: The Book of Common Prayer, An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, Revised Common Lectionary

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**The Sunday after the Ascension**  
**24 May 2020**  
**Order of Worship**

**Prelude:**

**Opening Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**Hymnal 1982 ‘Crown Him with many Crowns’**

**No. 494**

**St. David’s Church Recording**

1 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.

2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

**The Collect of the Day**

**Presider:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Acts 1:6-14*

Read by Linval Cox

#### Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ <sup>7</sup>He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.’ <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>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.’ <sup>12</sup>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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

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

Read by: Gaynelle Webb

- 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.

**Psalm 68 Continued:**

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.

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

Read by Dr. Marlene Cox

**Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter**

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**Solo: ‘Higher Ground’**

**Levas 165**

**Soloist: Barrington Burke-Green**

1 I’m pressing on the upward way, New heights I’m gaining every day;  
Still praying as I onward bound, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

***Refrain:***

***Lord, lift me up, and let me stand By faith, on heaven’s table land;  
A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.***

2 My heart has no desire to stay Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound, My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

3 I want to live above the world, Though satan’s darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught a joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground. [Refrain]

4 I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I’ll pray till heav’n I’ve found, “Lord, lead me on the higher ground.” [Refrain]

**THE GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

**Read by Deacon Charles Nelson**

**Deacon: A Reading from the The Gospel of John**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus 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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**The Sermon:** The Reverend Canon Dr. Kortright Davis

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**The Prayers of the People: Form VI**

**BCP p. 392/395**

**Reader: Patricia Knight-Williams and People: Sharon Brown**

**Reader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

**Reader:** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

**Reader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

**Reader:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

**Reader:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People:** *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

**Reader:** For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Daniel, GERALYN and William our bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People:** *For all who serve God in his Church.*

**Reader:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Remember the Sick and Shut-Ins.

**Silence**

**Add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.**

**Reader:** Hear us, Lord;

**People:** *For your mercy is great.*

**Reader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remember those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

**Silence**

**Add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.**

**Reader:** We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People:** *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

**Reader:** We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We continue to remember those in our St. David's Family who have lost loved ones to COVID 19.

**Silence**

**Add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.**

**Reader:** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People:** *Who put their trust in you.*

**Celebrant:** Hasten, O Lord, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**All:** *Amen.*

***St. David's Transitional Prayer:***

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,  
Throughout the ages you have called  
Your servants to minister in your vineyard.  
We thank you for Joshua who has led us over three decades  
Into "Our Promised Land".  
In this transitional period, Bind us together "As one".  
Deliver us when tempted to be scattered  
Like sheep without a shepherd.  
Order our steps in your word,  
Be a lamp unto our feet,  
Deepen our prayers, Give us a discerning spirit,  
Take away all our fears and doubts, Increase our faith.  
Open our eyes that we may identify the one you have chosen to be our new leader -  
who will enable us to continue to,  
PROCLAIM Good News to the Poor, the Blind, The Captive and the Oppressed,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Written by St. David's Wardens and Vestry (Feb. 2019)***

**Presider:** Gathering our prayers and praises together, we are bold to say:

**The Lord's Prayer:**

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.***

**Concluding Collects:**

**Presider: A special prayer on Memorial Day** -- As we remember those who have  
made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they  
have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our  
servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and  
your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the  
families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray  
your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed  
forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty  
power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and  
support. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Presider:** God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and  
fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the coronavirus, on any who are  
vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your  
Holy Spirit bring out the best in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on  
each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ  
our wounded healer. People: ***Amen.*** The Rev. Dr Sam Wells

**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**

**Greetings from the Wardens.**

**Birthdays (Sharon Brown, Cheyenne Neeley Todd Thomas and all others celebrating birthdays at this time)**

**Benediction:**

**Priest:** Let us bless the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**Recessional Hymn:**

**Hymnal 1982: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (recording)**

**No. 450**

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!  
go, spread your trophies 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!  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

**Dismissal:**

**Deacon:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia

**People:** 'Proclaiming good news to the poor, the blind, the captive and the oppressed.' Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Postlude:** Ain't got time to die (Jamaica Deanery Combined Choir) 4/2019



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**July 1, 2020:** Beginning of a “phased-in” commencement of public gatherings for worship.

**Birthday Greetings** to Cheyenne Neeley on May 23 from Mom and Dad, Carlton and Nicole Neeley.

Birthday Blessings to Todd Thomas, May 26 from Mom Phyllis Fibleuil and rest of the family.

“Happy Birthday to our mother, **Sharon Brown**, May 28<sup>th</sup>, from Aron, Ashley & Aden.  
“*We love you Mom!*”

### WEEKLY EVENTS:

**Sundays: No Sunday School this week.**

**Sundays at 7 PM: Call in to** (1-605-475-4941) access code: 996286# with Host Lorna Moodie-Jones.

**Daily at 8 PM except Saturday:** Telephonic Prayer Ministry (1-605-475-4941) access code: 996286#

**Wednesdays:** Morning Prayer and Bible Study by ZOOM. Use your previous Bible Study Zoom Invitation to Login.

We thank the St. David’s parish Family for their continued giving during this time of social distancing. Many are now utilizing online giving, while others are mailing in their contributions or dropping them off at the church.

**FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS** Welcome! We’re glad you’ve joined us online. To learn more about membership, baptism, or confirmation, email to [sdechurch123@gmail.com](mailto:sdechurch123@gmail.com) or call 718.528.2095.

If you have family emergencies or need to convey information about a sick family member please call the Church Office 718-528-2095. (If no one answers please leave a message), or email to [sdechurch123@gmail.com](mailto:sdechurch123@gmail.com).

Canon Anthony will accept calls directly in cases of extreme emergency. 917-992-1084

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** To add names to the list, email [sdechurh123@gmail.com](mailto:sdechurh123@gmail.com) or call 718.528.2095. Names are kept on the list for a month but can be added again upon request.

**SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

Marjorie Allmond, Inez Atkinson, Jeanette Behr, Etta Blagrove, Kaden DaCosta, Gregory Davson,(son of Lynette Davson), Beryl Duncan, Walter Edwards, Rhoderick Evans, John Garrison, Gem Harris, Maureen Henry, Joyce Jones, Daphnie Jordan, George Lawson, Fitz Longman, Dorothy Lundy, John Lundy, Alice Lytch (OOT), Bevon Mars, Mabel McDonald, Clara Maynard, Enid Nisbett, Kerwin O'Brien, Dennis Rodney, Sr., Dudley Spence, Cecil Stevens, Beresford Stewart, Lillieth Stewart, Clement Thomas, Hazel Walker, Emma Weekes, Byron Wilkinson.

**SICK AND SHUT-IN FAMILY and FRIENDS**

Oscar Black (OOT), Lowell Bowie, Jerome Bryan, Ralph Coard, Lancelot R. Cowan, Mavis DaCosta, Herbert Daniel, Winifred Duncan, Jeanette Francis-Fearon, Denfield Francis, Winifred Garrison, Maggie Harvey, Yves Emmanuel Jerome, Rhonda Jordon, Michelle Joseph, Jojany Mejia Knowles (family of Melva Lewis), Rev. Washington L. Lundy, Flavia Lytch-Threath, Morrison Mack (OOT), Margaret Caridad "Cois" Maynard (family of Melva Lewis), Cynthia Moses (Mother of Randy Moses), Lucienne Neita, Edith Newball (friend of Lily Evering), Ross Piscotello, Rev. Egbert Robertson, Sonia Rochester, Joy Sang, Nicole Sang, Tracey Ann Sang, Francella Webb (OOT), Anita Williams, Dawn Williams.



## **Biography of the Rev. Canon Dr. Kortright Davis**

Kortright Davis was born in the West Indies on the island of Antigua. He is a graduate of Codrington College in Barbados, the theological college of the Church in the West Indies.

He was ordained deacon in 1965 and a priest in 1966 in his home Diocese, the Diocese of Antigua (now called the Diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba). He has served as Rector of several parishes in the Caribbean and was, for some time on the faculty of his alma mater Codrington College. He also served as an Executive Member of the Caribbean Conference of Churches. Currently the Reverend Dr. Davis is Professor of Theology at Howard University School of Divinity. He is also the Rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C.

He was one of the Archbishop of Canterbury's representatives on the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC II). In addition to having been a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, he also served as Consultant to several other ecclesiastical bodies and academic institutions.

The Reverend Dr. Davis has earned degrees from the Universities of London, the West Indies and Sussex, where he read for his Doctor of Philosophy. He has had the Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) conferred on him by General Theological Seminary in New York City, St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and The Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia. He has also been the recipient of the Doctor of Laws (LL.D) Honoris Causa, from the University of the West Indies. He is an Honorary Canon of the Diocese of the Windward Islands, and St. John's Cathedral, Antigua, West Indies.

He is the author of several books and articles. His publications include *Emancipation Still Coming?*, *African Creative Expressions of the Divine*, *Can God Save the Church?*, and *Serving With Power*.

He is married to the former Joan Thompson, and they are the proud parents of two daughters and a son, and also grandparents of five.

## Some ONLINE RESOURCES for Worship and Meditation

### Sundays:

**National Cathedral in Washington D.C.** 11:15am on

Go to: <https://cathedral.org>

**Trinity Church, Wall Street 11:00**

<https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/worship>

### **Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer**

Go to: [missionstclare.com](http://missionstclare.com)

Select:

- Calendar for May, Rite II
- Scroll down to correct date
- Choose office (Example: Morning) and worship

### **Forward Movement**

Go to: [prayer.forwardmovement.org](http://prayer.forwardmovement.org)

Select:

- Daily Prayer Anytime
- Select date and Office
- Select “Get the Prayers”

[https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/daily\\_readings\\_anytime.php](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/daily_readings_anytime.php)

**Note:** This will take you to the same daily readings that are in the Day by Day.

### **Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families**

(Book of Common Prayer, pages 236-237)

### **EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND**

#### **Meditation: Finishing the Work**

In a duet with Dolly Parton, country singer Brad Paisley sings of heaven in the plain-spoken “When I Get Where I’m Going” (Arista Nashville, 2005). Paisley contrasts eternal rest to the common theme many of us feel at the end of the day: “so much work to do.” These are times when people go to work with the flu just to keep jobs that could be downsized. The stakes are higher and the sharks are fiercer as people compete with others to stay employed. And then there are the endless large and small tasks that may fill our days as we care for family members, run a household, serve in our churches and communities, and attend to our physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. When we feel the stress of the constantly unfinished to-do list, it is a relief to hear Jesus’ declaration in today’s gospel that he has finished his work. In his prayer to God the Father he says, “I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do” (John 17:4). Rather than hearing this as an unfavorable assessment of our own unfinished business, perhaps we can receive it as a gift, one that gives our earthly lists eternal perspective. In today’s gospel Jesus is praying for his disciples just before his arrest and betrayal; he knows what is coming, and on the cross just prior to his death he declares: “It is finished” (John 19:30). While it might seem we will never reach the end of our list, always another phone call to return, bills to pay, dirty dishes, or unwashed socks, the most important work is already complete in Jesus Christ: life, death, resurrection. Tomorrow’s work awaits us, but we do not live as those who have no hope. Our ordinary tasks take on deeper meaning through Jesus’ finished work for us.

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**VESTRY**

Rex Barrow and Herman Clark, *Wardens*

**Class of 2020**

Rosalyn Brown, J. Kerly Drouillard, Leslie Faulkner

**Class of 2021**

Emerald Baptiste, Makeda Dixon, Sebrina Tulloch

**Class of 2022**

Beverley Fernandez, Patricia Knight-Williams, Anthony Rodriguez

**Officers (not Vestry members)**

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