

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

May 17, 2020



**The Rev. Canon Lloyd Anthony, Interim Priest
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")

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Rogation Sunday
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Order of Worship

Prelude:

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise: Glorify Thy Name (Recording)

Father, we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus, we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit, we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Your name in all the earth

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading *Acts 17:22-31* **Read by Maudlin Mc Lean**
Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo, (St. David’s Parish Choir)*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

Psalm 66 Continued:

- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Reading *1 Peter 3:13-22* **Read by Richard Williams**
Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Solo: ‘The Love of God is Greater far’

Soloist: Carol Faulkner

THE GOSPEL:

John 14:15-21

Deacon: A Reading from the The Gospel of John

Jesus said ¹⁵ ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Sermon: The Reverend Canon Lloyd Anthony, Interim Priest

Silence follows the Sermon

The Prayers of the People

CW:TS p. 434, adapted

Reader: Marcia Murrell

Reader: Jesus, our risen Savior, has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer: Jesus Christ, great high priest, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world: remember especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Daniel, Geralyn and William our bishops; and all who carry forth the joy of Easter.

Savior, hear us.

People: *Savior, graciously hear us.*

Reader: Jesus Christ, Sovereign of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. We pray your guidance especially for Donald our President, Andrew our Governor, and Bill our Mayor.

Savior, hear us.

People: *Savior, graciously hear us.*

Reader: Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for all members of your family in need, distress, or sorrow. Be present to all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic around the world: heal the sick; strengthen and protect those who care for them; comfort those who love them; and bring us through the time of mourning to reunion.

Savior, hear us.

People: *Savior, graciously hear us.*

Prayers of the People continued:

Reader: Jesus Christ, Ruler over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. Strengthen and encourage our parish as we seek to live our Mission Statement of Proclaiming good news to the poor, the blind, the captive and the oppressed.
Savior, hear us.

People: *Savior, graciously hear us.*

Reader: Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting in your promises.
Savior, hear us.

People: *Savior, graciously hear us.*

Silence

Reader: Lord Jesus, our years are in your hands. Look with favor we pray, on all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries at this time. Especially we thank you for Hubert Murrell whose birthday is today. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life.
Savior, hear us.

People: *Savior, graciously hear us.*

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship before you; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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:

The Rev. Dr Sam Wells

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 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.

Benediction:

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

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

Recessional Hymn/Postlude: 'So You Would Know'

Jamaica Deanery Combined Choir 4/17/19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sundays: Sunday School using ZOOM,
11:30 am – noon, PreK-7th Grades; Noon – 12:30 pm, Grades 8-12

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.

Other EVENTS:

Today Sunday 5/17: *We wish a Blessed and Happy Birthday* to Hubert Murrell from his wife Marcia, Sons (Eric and Travis), and St. David’s family.

Thursday May 21, 7:30 pm Feast of the Ascension (Jamaica Deanery Service)
Zoom information will be sent out later.

A Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Dixon Family, Mother-Dorothy, Daughters-(Raquiah, Makeda and Shamila) in service to God and community: Submitted in gratitude by Euclid (Cy) and Daphnie Jordon

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve. Bless all who are caring for those suffering from this pandemic, especially the Dixon family who followed in His steps by giving themselves to the service of helping others. Grant them wisdom, patience, and courage that they may continue to minister in His name to the suffering, friendless and the needy; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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 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.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS: To add names to the list, email sdechurch123@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, Kristal Thomas, Beatrice Tomlinson, Francella Webb (OOT), Anita Williams, Dawn Williams.



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

Select:

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

Forward Movement

Go to: prayer.forwardmovement.org

Select:

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

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)

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Meditation: You Also Will Live

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” Jesus says (John 14:15). When we hear “commandments” we may think of the Ten Commandments. Remember, though, that Jesus has just given his disciples a “new” commandment: “that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:14). What if we love Jesus but we don’t keep his commandment to love each other? We fall short in our loving every day. There are times when it seems impossible to be as loving as Jesus asks. Do we really have to love everyone, even those who are intolerant, judgmental, or greedy? Even our charitable acts become suspect when our goal is to look good rather than to genuinely help others. And there are the times when our words kill and are critical of those around us---colleagues, parents, children, spouses---instead of building one another up in love. Will Jesus know that we love him when we do not act with love toward others? Will our loved ones know they’re loved when we fail so consistently at keeping this new commandment? Take courage. Jesus promises “Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19). Not just you with the perfect behavior (because that person does not exist) or you with the perfectly healthy relationships or you with the tidy happy lives, but all within the sound of Jesus’ voice. Because I live, you also will live. Because of these words and the saving death and resurrection of Jesus, we begin to see that participating in a life of faith is not measuring up to some heavenly perfect behavior chart, but joining as fully as we can into a relationship with the only one who knows how to love perfectly, the one who gives life to us.

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