

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.

The Lessons

A Reading From Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 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.
- 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!**

A Reading from 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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. ⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* BCP 85
Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18
Read By Half Verse

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.

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.

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And 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.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Apostles Creed
Officiant & People Together, Standing

BCP 96

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn: # 602 **Jesu, Jesu**

Doxology

The Prayers of the People Form III
Standing or kneeling

BCP 387

Officiant: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
Response: *That we all may be one.*

Officiant: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
Response: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Officiant: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

Response: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Officiant: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

Response: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Officiant: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

Response: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Officiant: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Response: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Officiant: Give to the departed eternal rest; especially for Dean

Response: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Officiant: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy:

Response: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (silence)

Especially for: Suzanne, Joan, Ron, Blaize, Shannon, Kelly, Albert, Bruce, Heath, Alan, Ruth, Mary, Linda, Tracy, Kyle, Barbara, Craig, Marilyn, Keith, Diane, Sandy, Michael, Faith, Charlie, Trisha, Barbara, Sue, Al, Rose, Jon, Sindy, Nanette and Mary.

ECCT CYCLE OF PRAYER: With the Episcopal Church of Connecticut, today we pray for:

St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas's, New Haven

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Together with the Anglican Communion throughout the world, today we pray for:

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Daryl Spearman.

VIGIL LIGHT: The vigil light burns this week in memory of Kevin Flynn.

Suffrages

Officiant says V, People say R

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.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray

*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*

The Collect of the Day

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.

WHAT'S NEW AT CCEN?

BIBLE STUDY:

Father Powell will lead Bible study and discussion after coffee hour in the Guild Room. The next Bible study is on June 7 due the Bishop's visit. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

BOOK BUNCH:

Our May selection is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans and we will meet on May 20. Our June selection is *Culpability* by Bruce Holsinger and we will meet on June 17. Our July selection is *A Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhurst and we are planning to meet on July 22.

Please join us for one of our discussions!

ANGEL FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

Please consider volunteering your time to help us staff the food pantry more regularly.

We appreciate all donations and helping hands too!

If you want to donate any items, we can use rice, boxes or cans of evaporated milk, canned meats (tuna, chicken, SPAM), canned vegetables or fruits, pasta sauce, pasta, peanut butter, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant and shampoo at this time.

We have been supplying people in need that have contacted us and appreciate all your donations which allows us to help the community. If you know of someone in need, please contact Lisa Helwig in the church office at 203-866-7442 or by email at secretaryccen@gmail.com

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What is the mission of the Church?

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. *Book of Common Prayer, Page 855*