

# MORNING PRAYER

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 16, 2021

PRELUDE: "GOD IS GONE UP" – GERALD FINZI  
(PERFORMED BY THE CHOIR OF WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:  
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out,  
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!  
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,  
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly  
In flakes of glory down, him to attend,  
And hear heart-cramping notes of melody  
Surround his chariot as it did ascend:  
Mixing their music, making ev'ry string  
More to enravish, as they this tune sing.

*Words by Edward Taylor (1646? - 1729)*

#### OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

#### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.  
***R: 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.***

#### CHRIST OUR PASSOVER PASCHA NOSTRUM

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 PSALMS APPOINTED: 66 AND 67

### PSALM 66 *Jubilate Deo*

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 ***Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.***
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 ***Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.***
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 ***In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.***
- 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.***
- 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.

<sup>18</sup> ***Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.***

## **PSALM 67 *Deus misereatur***

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.  
<sup>2</sup> ***Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.***  
<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> ***Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.***  
<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup> ***The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.***  
<sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

***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.***

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A READING FROM ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## ASCENSIONTIDE RESPONSORY FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
***and kindle in us the fire of your love.***

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
 are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.***

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,  
 pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,  
***and kindle in us the fire of your love.***

For the creation waits with eager longing  
 for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
 and kindle in us the fire of your love.***

***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.***

### A READING FROM 1 JOHN 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### SEQUENCE HYMN #214: HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE (VV. 1,2,4)

### A READING FROM JOHN 17:6-19

"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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I

do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## THE SERMON

Jean Parker Vail+

## 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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

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*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for parishes in our Diocese, especially Church of the Saviour, Jackson and St. Matthew's, Kernersville. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME and for the Hillsborough Clergy Coalition, especially for Rev. Tony Boss of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of Anathoth Community Garden and Fairview Gardens in our community.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for all those in our parish who have worked with our children and youth this past year as teachers and mentors. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for the Johnson Service Corp and their work in our community.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Tricia & Don, Nell, Ludie, Robert, Marion, Nancy, Jim, Joseph, Mimi, Betty, David, Robin, and Carol. We pray for those at Brookshire, both residents and staff.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## COLLECT FOR 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN #494: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (VV. 1,3,5)

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Children and Youth Leaders/Mentors

Aurora Toennisson - Godly Play

Angela Jones - Growing in Christ

Mitchell Moehring - Growing in Christ

Para Drake - Youth Group and Family Faith at Home

David Nichols - Youth Confirmation

Chris Peterson - Family Faith at Home and Youth program planning

Rebecca & Nick Gallegly - Family Faith at Home

Sarah & Robb Smylie - Family Faith at Home

Anne Kenyon - Youth Program Planning and movie night chaperone

Lisa Frost-Phillips - literally everything always

Youth Leadership and Helpers

Kelly and Anna Peterson for stuffing Easter eggs

Emmaline and Tea for hiding Easter eggs

Téa Jones, Madi Swain, and Julianna Hopper for their service on Youth Leadership Council this year

**CELEBRATING FOOD FOR ALL**

Over the years, our Food for All participants have included: Susan Alden & Dana McDonald, Ken & Sharon Billings, Dani Black, Carrie Brigham, Margaret Brill, Jim & Ann Burton, Eileen Camp, Carolyn & Gordon Carlson, Mike & Leslie Carmichael, Jane Clunie, Barbara DeScisciolo, Stuart Dyer, Lindsay & Katie Efland, Betty & Jerry Eidenier, Forrest & Monica Evans, Lisa Frost-Phillips, Ann Gleason, Jan & Rowen Grant, Brooks & Chris Graebner, Mary Griffin, Eric Hallman, Emma Harris, John Higgins, Ann Hollowell, Kelly, Cole, & Julianna Hopper, Steve & Merri Hutson, Karen & Bob Ireland, David Jackson, Pelham Jacobs, Robin Langford, Hugh Mace, Jim & Carolyn Parsley, Gail Pearson, Monty Reichert, Harriet Retterer, Kim Richardson, Madeline Ryan, Gretchen Schwanke, Bob & Susan Shelton, Judy & Bob Snyder, Ronnie Spaine, Janice Stratton, Beth Swain, Hugh Tilson, Susan Vergara, Spencer & Ellen Weig, Sharon Wheeler, Dave & Twyla Wilson, Elizabeth Woodman, and Jerry & Julia Workman.

**THE SUNDAY FORUM: RESURRECTION & INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY (JOHNSON SERVICE CORP)****THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE****Sunday (5/16):**

Easter VII

School Teacher Appreciation Day

Celebrating Food for All

Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum: Resurrection & Intentional Community** (Worship Zoom); 10:15am
- **Youth Social Justice Conversation**; 4:00pm (**health screening form required**)

**Monday (5/17):**

- **Archives & History**; 10:00am
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom): 6:30p
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

**Tuesday (5/18):**

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Vestry** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

**Wednesday (5/19):**

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **In-Person Eucharist** (Church); Noon; **health screening form required**
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting

- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

#### Thursday (5/20)

- **Breakfast Fellowship Group** (Meeting Zoom); 8:30am
- **Parish Pastoral Group** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm
- **Adult Bible Study** (Formation Zoom); 7:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

#### Friday (5/21)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

#### Sunday (5/23): The Day of Pentecost

##### Worship and Formation

- **In-Person Eucharist** (Church); 8:00am; **health screening form required**
- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:30am: **Note the altered time**
- **Faith Formation for the St. Matthew's Family** (The Courtyard); 10:30am; **health screening form required**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please mask up if you come into any of the buildings  
on the church property!!**

#### **In-Person Eucharist services are now being offered (health screening form required)**

We are thrilled to be able to return to the church for some small services.

- A Special Pentecost Eucharist on Sunday, May 23, at 8:00am
- A Pentecost Family Faith Formation on Sunday, May 23, at 10:30am in the Courtyard outside the Fellowship Hall
- Eucharist on Wednesdays at Noon
- During the months of June and July we will offer Sunday services at 8:00am in the church: Eucharist, Rite II, with music, followed by a simple "coffee hour."

**Coffee Hours: If you are planning on coming to the 8:00 coffee hour, would you like to help us host them?  
Call or email the office to find out more. (919-732-9308; [welcome@stmatthewshillsborough.org](mailto:welcome@stmatthewshillsborough.org))**

#### **About Johnson Service Corps**

Each year, Johnson Service Corps recruits young adults (age 21-28) to participate in a year-long intensive and transformational program of service and social justice work, leadership training, vocational discernment, and intentional community living. Corps members arrive in mid-August and commit to participation through July of the following year. Johnson Service Corps provides corps members with housing, a community food stipend, a small personal stipend, and health insurance if needed. Johnson Service Corps maintains two homes – one each in Chapel Hill/Carrboro NC and in Durham NC – housing up to ten Corps Members between them. Each corps member works 32

hours/week at a local social justice placement in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Durham and participates in JSC's leadership development curriculum.

This year Johnson Service Corps is celebrating 20. Whether you are a long-time supporter of the program or are interested in learning more about the local Episcopal Service Corps affiliate, we invite you to join us for a virtual celebration on Thursday, May 20th from 7-8:15PM. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

### **A Racial Justice and Reconciliation Recommendation**

The Pauli Murray Center is sponsoring a series of discussions. The first, on Thursday, May 20 from 6:30 to 7:45, will be with Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu and Rose Bator. They will discuss their work for racial justice and healing retreats for women from South Africa and the US. Register through the website for the Pauli Murray Center. [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7SloFn7pTYCsHgHOWoIY6A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7SloFn7pTYCsHgHOWoIY6A)

**Faith and Arts** is launching Season III of the St. Matthew's Podcast. This new season features interviews with six artists and creative folk from different mediums and practices in our community. We are exploring the imagination and creative presence among our own community as we continue to quarantine and discussing how each artist's particular faith experience informs and connects to their artistic work. Listen to Kim interview photographer Holden Richards, poet Jerry Eidenier, baker Mary Rocap, and woodworker Domenic Tiani. A future episode will include painter Hunter Taylor. <https://stmatthewshillsborough.org/podcast/>

### **Orange Congregations In Mission**

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. Bring your donated cans to the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. We have received 129 so far this month towards our monthly goal of 175 cans; 45 more needed.

**Forward Day by Day Devotionals** are available for purchase on the table in the Parish House foyer for \$1.00. These booklets, issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs for May, June, and July.

## **PRAYER LIST**

**We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family:** Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Tricia & Don Hill, Nell Schrader, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Nancy Harris, Jim von St. Paul, Jean Bartholomew, Joseph Riddick, Mimi Games, Betty Wolfe, David Arcus, Robin Arcus, and Carol Parrent.

**And these others for whom our prayers are desired:** Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Mary Beth, Karl & Janice Eicher, Knox Efland, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, the family of Chris Knotts, Bill, Chris Graebner, Michael Thompson, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Tony Boss, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi

Martin, Joanna Huacani, the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper, Naomi Swainey, and Maggie Malone.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.