



**St. Thomas the  
Apostle Episcopal  
Church**

**The Seventh Sunday of  
Easter: May 24, 2020  
8:45 and 10:45 am**

# Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Opening Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

Hymnal #671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790;

*The officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

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

***<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \****

***let those who hate him flee before him.***

***<sup>2</sup>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.***

***<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \****

***let them also be merry and joyful.***

***<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;***

***exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \****

***YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!***

***<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans, defender of widows, \****

***God in his holy habitation!***

***<sup>6</sup>God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \****

***but the rebels shall live in dry places.***

***<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, \****

***when you marched through the wilderness,***

***<sup>8</sup>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.***

***<sup>9</sup>You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.***

***<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.***

***<sup>33</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.***

***<sup>34</sup>He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.***

***<sup>35</sup>Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.***

***<sup>36</sup>How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!***

***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 the Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 1:6-14*

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] 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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in

white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They 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."

<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.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    ***Thanks be to God.***

**Jubilate**    *Psalm 100*

***Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \****  
***serve the Lord with gladness***  
***and come before his presence with a song.***

***Know this: The Lord himself is God; \****  
***he himself has made us, and we are his;***  
***we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving;***  
***go into his courts with praise; \****  
***give thanks to him and call upon his Name.***

***For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \****  
***and his faithfulness endures from age to age.***

## A Reading from the First letter of Peter

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

<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 insofar 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>5:6</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 in all 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 forever and ever. Amen.

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*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

## A Reading from John

*John 14:15-21*

*John 17:1-11*

<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.***



# Sermon

## Hymn

## What A Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood

**Verse 1:** You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ.

### Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

**Verse 2 :** You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down. My sin was great Your love was greater, What could separate us now.

### Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this. What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

**Bridge:** Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory. For You are raised to life again.

**Bridge:** You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign. Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

**Chorus 3:** What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

**Ending:** What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

## **The Apostle's Creed**

*Officiant and people together, all standing*

***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

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        ***And also with you.***

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***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.***

- 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.***

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*A Collect for the Nation*

Lord God Almighty, who hast made all peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

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.***

## **Prayers for Intercessions**

# Hymn

# Christ is Alive!

# Hymnal #182

Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

***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.***

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

*The Officiant may then conclude with the following*

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*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.*** *Romans 15:13*

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 Jesu for ever and ever. ***Amen.*** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **Closing Hymn**



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