

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



Gian Lorenzo Bernini (Italian, 1598-1680) *The Dove of the Holy Spirit* stained glass  
Detail of the Chair of St. Peter, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

**Sunday, May 24, 2020**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**



*To Know Christ and to make Christ known...*  
*St. Paul's invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor*  
*through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry*

# Morning Prayer

## Prelude

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven.

*People* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

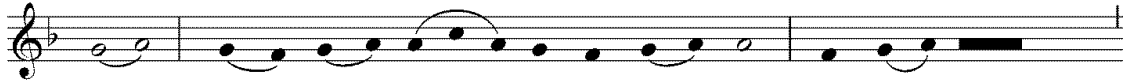
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

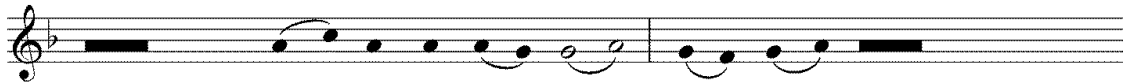
## Invitatory S 46 Christ our Passover (Plainsong/Mealy)



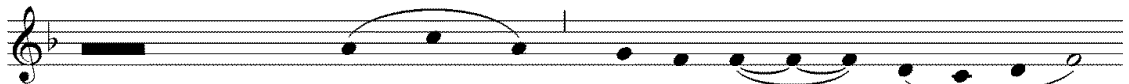
1. Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover has been sac - ri - ficed for



us; there - fore let us keep the feast, 2. Not with the old leaven,



the leaven of mal - ice and e - vil, but with the unleavened bread



of sincerity and truth. Al - le - lu - ia.



3. Christ be - ing raised from the dead will nev - er die a - gain;



death no longer has do - min - ion o - ver him. 4. The death that he died,

he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

5. So al - so consider yourselves dead to sin, and a - live to God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia.

6. Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who  
have fal - len a - sleep. 7. For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resur-rec - tion of the dead.

8. For as in Ad - am all die, so al - so in Christ shall  
all be made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Spi - rit: As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia

Plainsong, Tone I, Introit Form; adapt. Norman Mealy (1923-1987), alt; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)

## 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

*Lector: Louise Buck*

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:6-14)

### Canticle 8: The Song of Moses (Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

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 forever. Amen.

## **A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (4:12-14; 5:6-11)**

### **Canticle 13: A Song of Praise**

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (17:1-11)**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Ray Hanna

### **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

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

## Suffrages

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

## **The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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.*

## **Second Collect**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Third Collect**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Prayer for the Search Committee**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## Office Hymn *Hail thou once despised Jesus!*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
\*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy  
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,  
thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic  
Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our  
we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

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## The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For Donald, our President; Roy, our Governor; this community, the nation,  
and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

For Sandra, John, Elaine, David, Jere, Kathy, Sherry, William, and those friends of the Parish on our prayer list; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our own bishop, Ray our interim rector, Adam our assistant rector, Richard our priest associate; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

Let us name the losses we have suffered during this pandemic and those things we long for in our lives.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Especially remembering Patricia Whitehead, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

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.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant 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)

## Postlude

Fugue in C minor, S 537

J. S. Bach

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