



Morning Prayer
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 9, 2021

This document is for an individual or group. An individual prays and reads all parts, and in a group, one person takes the role of Leader and the other(s) the role of People. Others may read the readings.

*In the Zoom group hosted by the Worship Team, one person leads, and some people are assigned to read the readings and Prayers of the People, and to lead the bold responses unmuted. The rest of the people are encouraged to join in the responses, psalm, etc., remaining **muted** to prevent feedback. This gathering may begin with a welcome and musical prelude and include music at other times.*

Welcome & Gathering Music *as offered*

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Invitatory and Psalter

Leader O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People **And your glory all the day long.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Christ Our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

**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.**

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, * for God has done marvelous things.

With God's right hand and holy arm * has God won the victory.

The Lord has made known God's victory; *

God has shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.

God remembers God's mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when God comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall God judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

At the end of the psalm the People say:

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: "Glory to God" – led by the music leader or spoken by the People

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord
God, heav-en-ly King; al - might-y God and Fa - ther.
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We wor - ship you, we give you thanks. We
praise you for your. glo - ry! Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther;
re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One!

You a - lone are the Lord! You a - lone are the Most High!

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men!

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Steve Godfrey

*If you are worshiping on your own, perhaps reflect on this question:
 What might God be calling you to lay down or offer so that others may have abundant life and we all might have more complete joy?*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Prayers

Leader God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Let us pray.

People pray preferred translation of 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.**

**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 today 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

Leader Help us, O God our Savior;
People **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Leader Look upon your congregation;
People **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Leader Declare your glory among the nations;
People **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Leader Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
People **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Leader Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
People **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Leader Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
People **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Collects — *The Leader says the Collects. The People reply "Amen."*

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.**

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud, including those listed in the emails and:

- All suffering in any way because of the pandemic, and those caring for others
- All suffering because of the sin of racism, that we all might be truly free
- Shooting victims and their families
- Those among us facing financial hardship, addictions, or abuse
- The Diocese of Iowa as we transition to a new bishop – Bishop Alan; the staff, Standing Committee; Board; Transition Committee; and candidates
- Our companion dioceses of Swaziland, Nzara, and Brechin
- Trinity Cush Episcopal Church and the Darfur Community of Iowa
- Peace in Sudan, South Sudan, and all other areas affected by strife

And we pray for the wide continuum of mothering, recognizing the extra challenges of mothering through a pandemic.

by Amy Young, "The Messy Middle Where Grace & Truth Reside," <http://www.messymiddle.com/an-open-letter-to-pastors-a-non-mom-speaks-about-mothers-day/>

To those who gave birth to a child this year; or added a child to your family in another way, **we celebrate with you.**

To those who lost a child this year, **we mourn with you.**

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains, **we appreciate you.**

To those who experienced loss this year through miscarriage, failed adoptions, sickness, or running away, **we mourn with you.**

To those who long to be a mother or those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment, **we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.**

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, spiritual moms and anyone who brings mothering to those in need, **we need you.**

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children, **we celebrate with you.**

To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children, **we sit quietly, prayerfully with you.**

To those who lost their mothers this year, **we mourn with you.**

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother, **we acknowledge your terrible experience and pray for healing.**

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood, **we are better for having you in our midst.**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year, **we grieve and rejoice with you.**

And to those who are pregnant with all kinds of new life, both expected and surprising, **we joyfully anticipate with you.**

Whatever your experience of mothering is, on this Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We see you. We remember you. **We love you.**

Celebrations

All may pray for persons desiring prayer for special celebrations, such as anniversaries of birth, baptism, marriage, etc., and for members of St. Andrew's who are this week celebrating birthdays & anniversaries (see emails):

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they celebrate. Grant that they may continue to grow in wisdom and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

Leader Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offerings may be made at standrewsdsm.org/give for general **offerings**, **pledge** payments, and the **Orange Bucket (for the Food Bank of Iowa)** or cash or checks may be gathered to send to the church.

Offertory Music as offered

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we your 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.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

When two or three are gathered, even across physical distance, Christ is in the midst of us.

Leader 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.**

Blessing – *A priest offers this blessing; the people respond, "Amen."*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

If there is no priest present:

Leader Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



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