

The Episcopal Church of Grace and Resurrection

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THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Wednesday
Evening Prayer &
Bible Study



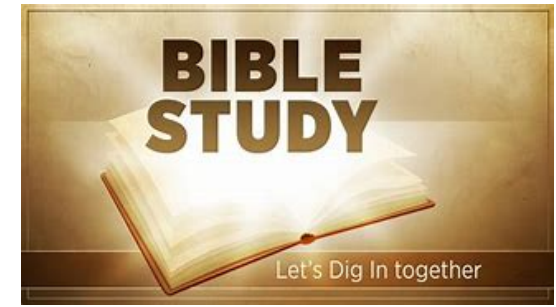
June 23, 2021

7:30pm

The Very Rev. Gilberto A. Hinds
Priest-in-Charge



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*



THE SEASON AFTER
Pentecost



God's Grace



Jesus' Resurrection

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector 1 **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus said, “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.” *Acts 1:8*

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, “Out of darkness let light shine,” has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Cor. 4:5-6*

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Ps. 141:2*



CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.


Silence Officiant and People in silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.



Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



INVITATION
TO THE PSALMS

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

Lector 1

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and Lector 1 (People in silence)

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.**

O Gracious
Light
(Phos hilaron)

Lector 1

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the ever-loving
Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes
behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through
all the worlds.**

Officiant and Lectors 1 & 2

(People in silence)

**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.**

We will say the Psalm alternating by whole verse.

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 **If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, ***
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore, you shall be feared.
- 4 **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; ***
in his word is my hope.
- 5 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the LORD, ***
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 **With him there is plenteous redemption, ***
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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 FIRST READING *2 Corinthians 8:7-15*

Lector 3

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the
 Corinthians.

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have.





I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Lector 3 The Word of the Lord.
Lector 1 Thanks be to God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

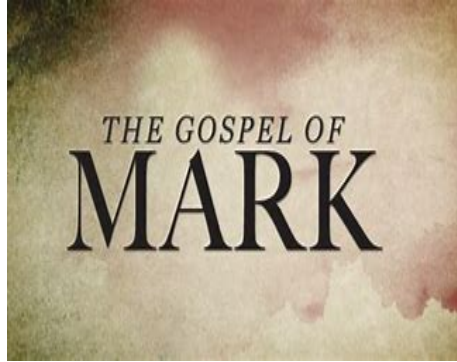
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children 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.**



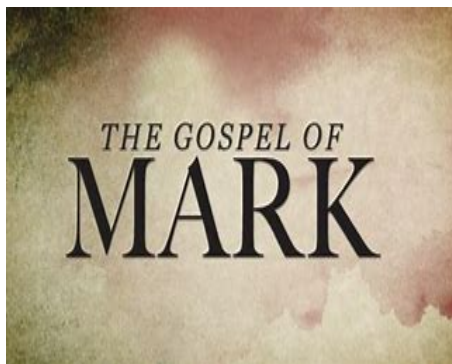
A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.



When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.

Lector 5 The Word of the Lord

Lector 1 Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL OF
MARK



She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.



Lector 5 The Word of the Lord
Lector 1 Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Lector # 1 & 2 (People together in silence)



Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised.
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

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.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together in silence

**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.**

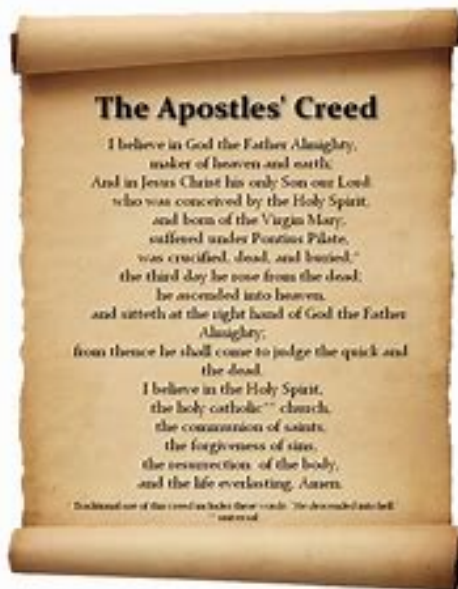
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

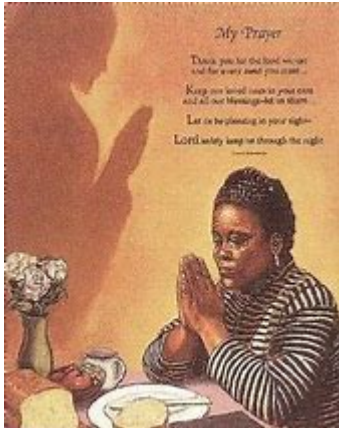
**He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.**

**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.**





Officiant and People together in silence



**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

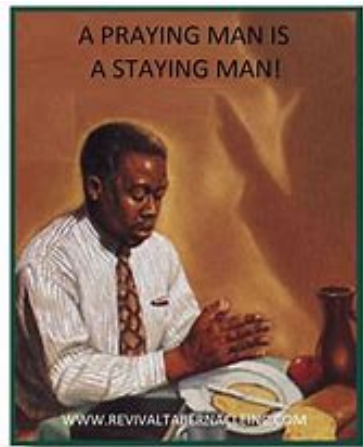
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.**



SUFFRAGES

Lectors 1 & 2

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.



The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect for 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The Collect for the Call of a Rector

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of The Episcopal Church of Grace and Resurrection and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Guide the members of the Vestry, and the Search and Writing Committees as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. **Amen.**



For Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down your Holy Spirit upon our bishops, the clergy and the congregations committed to their charge in the Diocese of Long Island, the Hellgate Deanery and The Episcopal Church of Grace and Resurrection. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your son, and grant that we may show thro power of your love to all among whom we live; Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

For Sick Persons

Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly entreat you to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired: Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their afflictions. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their lives in your fear, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



A Collect for the Deceased.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**



For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore; Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, and all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**



The Officiant says,

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings, whether silently or aloud.

The Officiant says the Concluding Prayer.

O Lord our God, accept the heartfelt prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us, and all who turn to you for help: Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted and shield the joyous; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**



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BIBLE STUDY



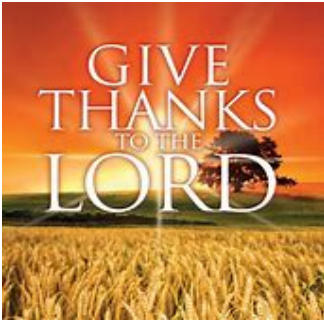
Bible Study

Encouragement to be Generous

1 Paul said, “We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; **2** for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. **3** For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, **4** begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—**5** and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, **6** so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. **7** Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you^l—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. **8** I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. **9** For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **10** though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— **11** now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. **12** For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING



I just
WANT TO
thank you
Lord



Officiant and People in silence

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 Crist; 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 ourselves 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.**



A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



**May the grace and
Peace of our Lord
Jesus be yours in
abundance.**

The Officiant concludes 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 Cor. 13:14*

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

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



