

# **The Episcopal Church of Grace and Resurrection**

*Est. 2016*

## ***THE FIFTH WEDNESDAY AFTER PENTECOST***



**wednesday**  
**Evening Prayer &**  
**Bible Study**



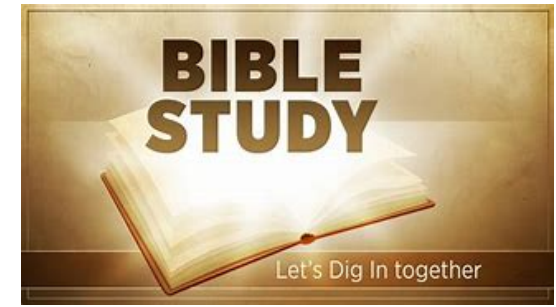
*June 30, 2021*

*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*

O LORD, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence, let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry. *Psalm. 88: 1-2*

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. *Psalm 89:1-2*



## 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.**

**THE PSALM**      145:1-9

*Lectors 2 & 3*

*We will say the Psalm alternating by whole verse.*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.**







- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.**

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**     *Deuteronomy 10:17-21*

*Lector 3*

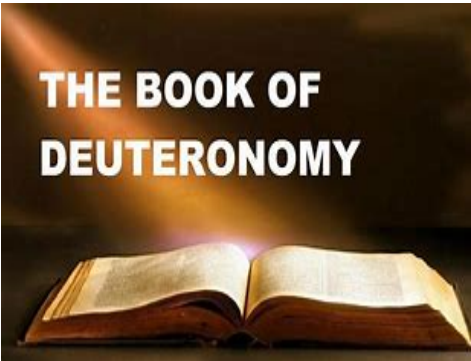
Lector    A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing.

You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Lector 3     The Word of the Lord.

**Lector 1     Thanks be to God.**



The First Song of Isaiah     *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day, you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

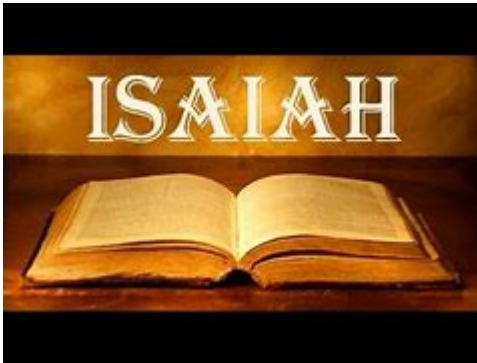
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of  
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 for ever.

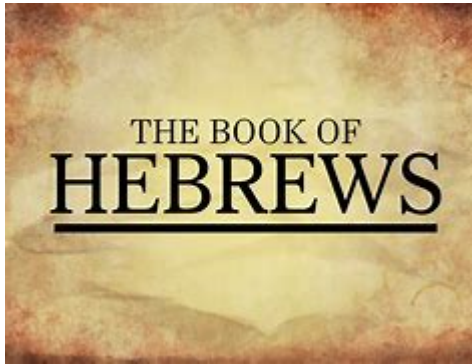
Amen.



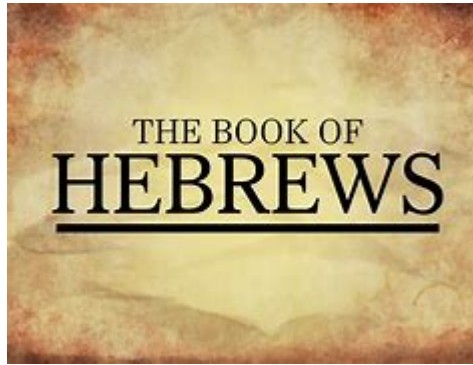
## **THE SECOND READING**    *Hebrews 11:8-16*

A Reading from the Book of the Hebrews

### **The Faith of Abraham**



By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.



Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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.**

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.

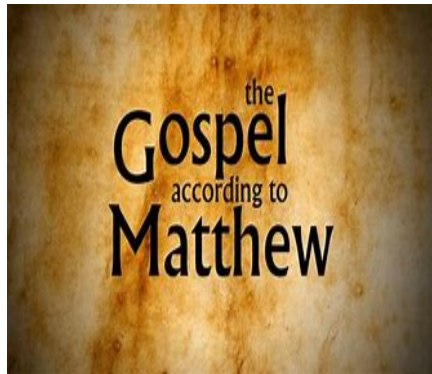
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 Matthew.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



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.**

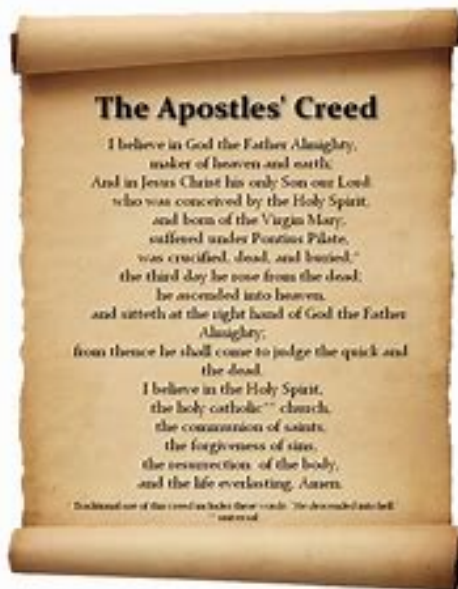
**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

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

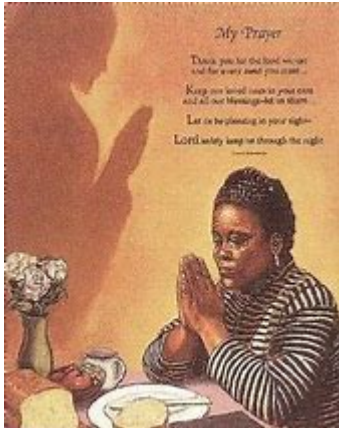
**He will come again to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**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.**

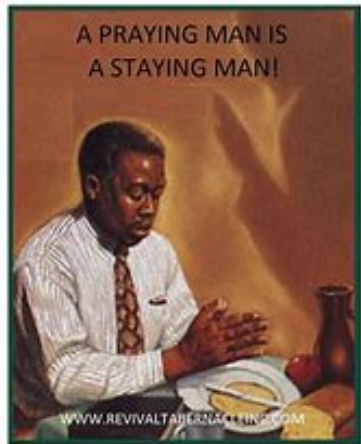
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**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*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**



*The Officiant tsays the following Collects*

*The Collect for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

*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, 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 Lector continues with the following Collects*

*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*

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**Love for Enemies**

**43** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ **44** But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? **48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Concerning Prayer**     *Matthew 6:5-6*

**5** “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. **6** But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

# THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

## *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*





