

# The Episcopal Church of Grace and Resurrection

*Est. 2016*

## ***THE SECOND WEDNESDAY AFTER PENTECOST***



**Wednesday**  
**Evening Prayer &**  
**Bible Study**



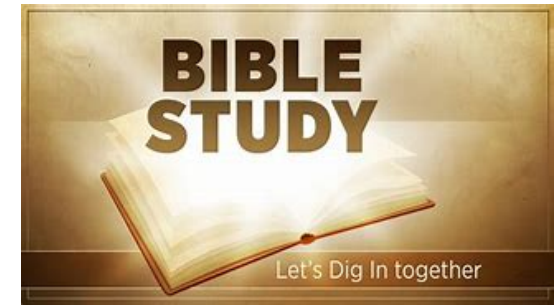
*June 9, 2021*

*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 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;**
- 3 Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.**
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the LORD grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his  
anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**







- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, \***  
**but we will arise and stand upright.**
- 9 O LORD, give victory to the king \***  
**and answer us when we call.**

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.**



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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.



Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.



For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector 3      The Word of the Lord.

**Lector 1      Thanks be to God.**

## THE SONG OF MARY MAGNIFICAT *Luke 1:46-55* *Lector 4*

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.**

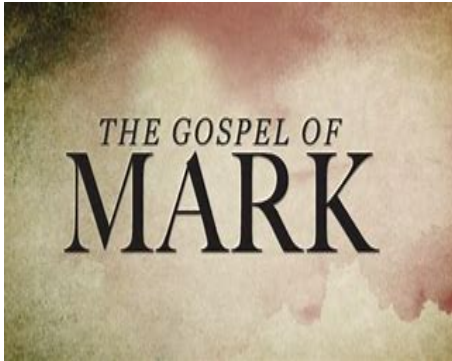
A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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.**

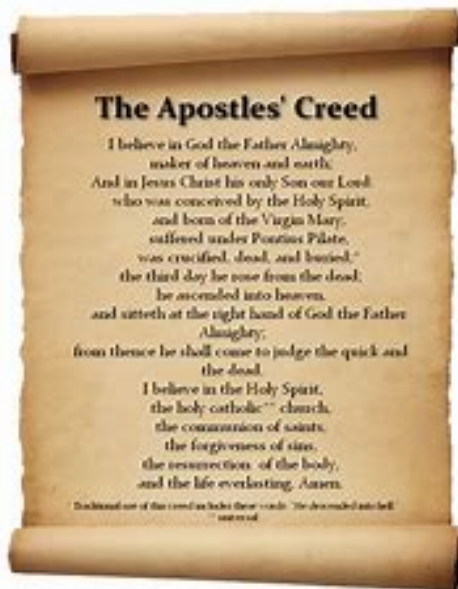
**He descended to the dead.**

**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.**

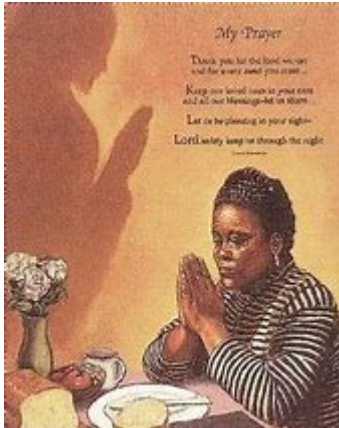
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**







*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.**

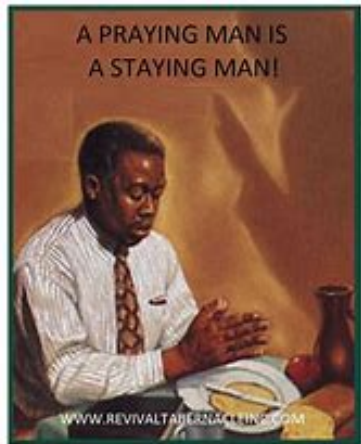
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**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;

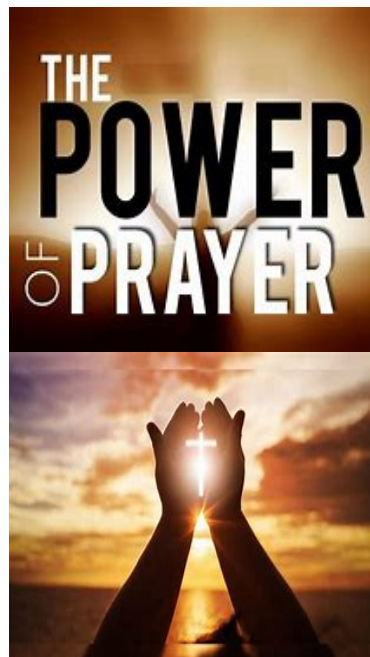
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

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.**



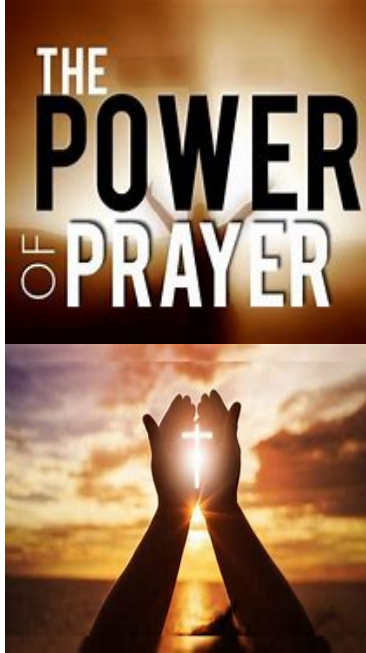
*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.**

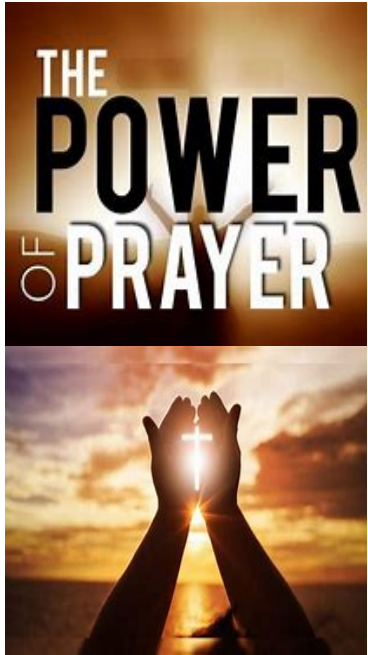


*For Clergy and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, the clergy and the congregations committed to their charge: 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.**

*For the Call of the new 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 to call a new Rector for this parish. Guide the members of our Search and Writing Committees, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will for this congregation, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

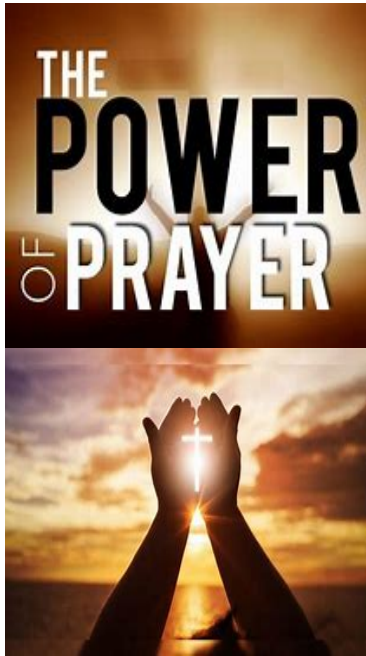


*For Sick Persons*

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.**

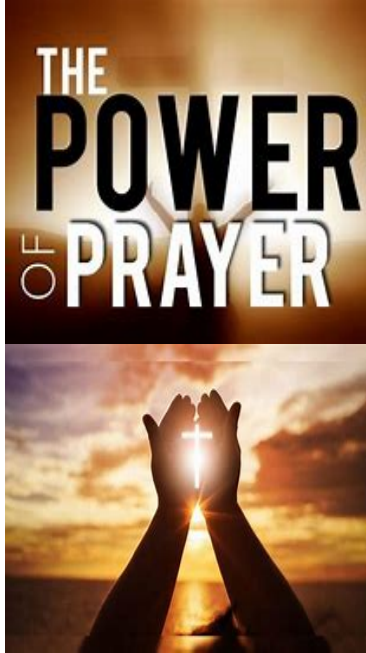


*A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

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*

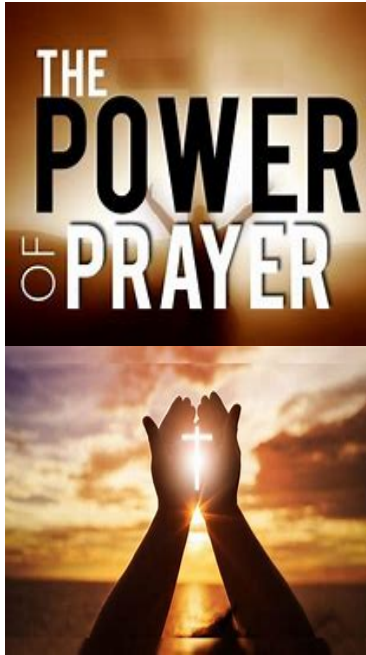
O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore; Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, and all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

*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*

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# A Prayer for Holy Scriptures



## *Proper 28*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Living by faith**

**6** We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—**7** for we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. **10** For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

**The Ministry of Reconciliation**

**11** Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. **12** We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. **13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. **15** And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, **16** but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. **17** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

### *Officiant and People in silence*



*I just  
WANT TO  
thank you  
Lord*

**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 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*



