

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer

If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome and would like to get acquainted. Please send the co-host a chat note if the chat option is open, or after worship, email office@stjamesvt.org with your name, where you're from, and an email address if you would like to receive more information about our parish. Thank you for worshipping with us! We are glad you are here.

Please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. A "designated responder" will lead many of the responses of the people. If you are reading a lesson or adding a thanksgiving or prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself. After your prayer is completed, mute yourself again.

Prelude: Pavanne (*Eileen Wescoe and Carol Reichard*)

Maurice Ravel

Opening Hymn: O Jesus crowned with all renown

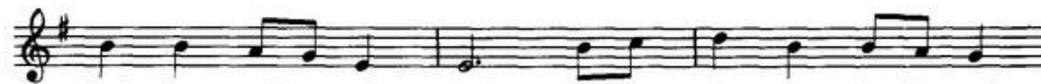
Hymnal 292



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gel's sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the boun - teous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Rogation Days.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.

Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Opening Sentence

Officiant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! –2 Corinthians 5:17

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the Easter Season

The Invitatory and Psalter

EOW 20

Said responsively with the designated responder leading the people's responses

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

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

Officiant Alleluia, Christ is risen, indeed:

People O come, let us worship, alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:8-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Said in unison with the Officiant leading

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.

The death that Christ died was death to sin, once for all; *
but the life Christ lives, is life to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a human being came death, *
by a human being has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia, Christ is risen, indeed:
People O come, let us worship, alleluia.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 98

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 1 Sing a new song to God, *
who has done marvelous things.
 - 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, *
you have won for yourself the victory.
 - 3 You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
 - 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
 - 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 - 6 Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
 - 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn, *
shout with joy before our God who reigns in majesty.
 - 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
 - 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,
who will come to judge the earth;
 - 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness *
and the peoples with equity.
- Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

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 the Churches.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A period of silence is kept.

A Song of Wisdom

EOW 30

Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21

Said responsively by whole verse alternating between Officiant and Designated Responder who leads the people

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors *
a holy people and a blameless race.

She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.

To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;

She was their shelter by day *
and a blaze of stars by night.

She brought them across the Red Sea, *
she led them through mighty waters;

But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.

And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, *
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;

For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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Hymn: Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

LEVAS 114

Led by Carol Gross and Larry Ingram

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is labeled 'Harmony' and contains the lyrics: 'Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the'. The third system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.'. The fourth system is labeled 'unison' and contains two verses: '1. Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his' and '2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1. mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
 2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
 2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

D.C.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Deacon: 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.”

Deacon Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Ogelby and Heather Winship

Sermon

The Rev. Kim Hardy

The Apostles’ Creed

EOW 41

Officiant and People together with Officiant leading

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.

The Prayers

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People And listen to our prayer.
Officiant Let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship 42

The prayers are said responsively with the responses led by the Designated Responder

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant and People say the Collect of the Day together

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 Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant continues with the Collects. People may join in at home. The Designated Responder leads the "Amens."

A Collect for Sundays

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.*

A Collect for Guidance

O God, 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 Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your realm; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists.

We remember Church of our Savior in Killington and the Rev. Lisa Ransom and the ministries of Mission Farm in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and the Anglican Church of Kenya in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially for Kelly, who is hospitalized with COVID, and her three young children; Betty Goulette, Howard, Bob Willey, Bill Pearson, Karen Geiger, Nicole, Julie and family.

We give thanks for Joanne Raymond who celebrates her birthday this week.

Receive into your eternal light all who have died in the pandemic, not only those in our own country where loss is great but in the whole world community. Their numbers are too many for our hearts to fathom. Our spirits are grieved. We ask that your angels care for them and also that you have mercy on and comfort all who mourn their loss. We pray for an end to the pandemic and for vaccines to be safely, quickly, and effectively administered.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

(During the silence people may add their own prayers. Please unmute yourself to voice your thanksgiving or intercession and mute yourself again at the end of your petition.)

Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and love, we ask wisdom, help, and guidance as we work to counter the many instances of injustice and racism in our world. Help us to value differences in culture, religious beliefs, and physical appearance, and celebrate the God-made wonder of every human being. Help us to be vigilant, working against racial and social injustice in our own hearts and in the world around us, that we may live into our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. *Amen.*

The Officiant concludes with A Collect for Dedication.

A Collect of Dedication

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3
 him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

6
 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Hymnal 1982 529
 Words: John Oxenham, (1852-1941), alt.
 Music (McKEE, CM): Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

When we are together in the buildings, the loose plate offering on the second Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. In that we aren't meeting in person, please remember the Discretionary Fund by sending an extra donation to the church address (4 St. James Place, Essex Junction, VT 05452) when you are able, earmarked for the Discretionary Fund. These monies help those who, for various reasons are in financial need or distress. Thank you for your generosity. — Amma Kim

To give a "regular" donation to support our normal operations, for your convenience there is an online link. The offerings are transferred to St. James from our diocese:

[ONLINE DONATIONS FOR ST. JAMES](#)

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant and People say together

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.*

Community Announcements

Dismissal

The Deacon says

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians

13:14

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year B

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. In the last weeks of Eastertide, our liturgical readings explore the results of the dying and rising of Jesus. Both the Gospel reading and the reading from 1 John speak of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus' Passover from death to life, as the primary characteristic of our lives in Christ.

In this Sunday's reading from Acts, Peter and some other Jewish Christians were astounded to see Gentiles in the household of Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit just as they had on the Day of Pentecost. Peter's last reservations about welcoming Gentiles into the Church are erased and he and the other joyfully lead them to the waters of Baptism.

This Sunday was once called Rogation Sunday because medieval Christians went in processions (rogating) around the parish praying for the newly planted crops during this week. This is a good time to seek more effective ways to care for our environment and to witness that God's love is not only for humanity but also for the entire creation.

Joined together by God's spirit in baptism, bound up in the dying and rising of Jesus, related by creation to all the earth, we the people of God bring all our lives and one another into the saving love of God in Eucharist.

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Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Kim Hardy

Lectors: Lindsey Huddle, Brian Garland

Deacon: The Rev. Dn. Dave Ganter

Psalm Leader & Intercessor: Jeff Hard

Children's Chapel Story: Jenny Ogelby and Heather Winship

Designated Responder on Behalf of the People: Patty Hanson

Musicians: Carol Reichard, Eileen Wescoe, St. James Choir

Usher: Barbara Cook

Zoom Facilitator (Co-host): Peggy Bonesteel

IN OUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of Our Savior in Killington and the Rev. Lisa Ransom and the ministries of Mission Farm. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

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Birthdays: Joanne Raymond, May 10.

Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

[Compline Zoom Link](#)

The Green Mountain Online Abbey offers Morning Prayer and Compline daily online at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please see this webpage for more information:

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St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

Sunday, May 9

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation

Monday, May 10

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, May 11

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, May 12

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
6:30 Worship Committee Mtg.

Thursday, May 13

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline
7:30 Senior Choir

Friday, May 14

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Sunday, May 16

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation
11:15 Justice & Anti-Racism Mtg.

Monday, May 17

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
6:30 Vestry & Administration Mtg.

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Thursday, May 20

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Compline
7:30 Senior Choir

Friday, May 21

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James