Prelude

Improvisation on Come thou fount
Jim Roan

Hymn
Hail thee, festival day
216, Hymnal
YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMW2-Mf3rSI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMW2-Mf3rSI)
(St. John’s, Detroit; the guy in the mitre (bishop’s hat) is George Carey, the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury.)

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect of the Day
O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

An Introduction: This passage from Acts tells the story of the last time the disciples see Jesus. He promises the Holy Spirit and disappears from their sight. Then, as he has instructed them, they await the Spirit and devote themselves to prayer.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [1:6-14]
When the apostles had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has set by his own authority. But 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.  

Response: Thanks be to God

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; *
   let those who hate Yahweh turn and flee.
2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
   as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at
   the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
   let them also be merry and joyful.
4 Sing to God, sing praises to God’s Name; *
   exalt God who rides upon the heavens; *
   Yahweh is God’s Name, rejoice before Yahweh!
5 Father and Mother of orphans, defender of widows, *
   God in God’s holy habitation!
6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners
   into freedom; *
   but the rebels shall live in dry places.
7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
   when you marched through the wilderness,
8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
   at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
   at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
   you refreshed the land when it was weary.
10 Your people found their home in it; *
    in your goodness, O God, you have made provision
    for the poor.
33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
   sing praises to the Lord.
34 Yahweh rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
   Yahweh sends forth God's voice, God's mighty voice.
35 Ascribe power to God; *
   Yahweh's majesty is over Israel;
   Yahweh's strength is in the skies.
36 How wonderful is God in God's holy places! *
   the God of Israel giving strength and power to Yahweh's people!
   Blessed be God!

An Introduction: We now come to the closing verses of this letter to Christians who are suffering some form of persecution. The author tells them that to suffer for Christ is to be blessed, and that brothers and sisters around the world suffer with them, but God will always be with you.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter [4:12-14; 5:6-11]
Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Yahweh, because God cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist evil, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to God's eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Hymn We have been told, by David Haas Jim Roan

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [17:1-11]
Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ
Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Abba God, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you
gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Abba God, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon - The Rev. Paul Higginson

Prayers of the People - Form IV

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Michael, our presiding bishop, and for Rob, our bishop. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember all those who have served in our Armed Forces. In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world. We offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.
Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Leader: We pray for those on our parish prayer list, please join me if you would like, in saying their names: Jackie Rogers, Liam Ferguson, Ralph Porfidio, John B. Avery, Bunny Stoddard, Xondra Smith, Tyler Emerson, Christy McCaulay, Raymond Nolan, Karl Vander Woude, Larry Hickman, Hank Peterson, Jaxson Bagore, Hope Atteberry, David and Deb McRich, Kate, Dave Quinn, Mark Flescher, Noreen Watts, Sherry Sachritz, Jeannine Edwards, Joan Mistretta, Ethel Cooper, Charlena McDufford, Lex Burton, Roxie Bowker, Sandy & Virginia Lyman, Rosemary Hall Evans, Glenn Dockum, Laurie MacGregor, Anna Hayden, Patti Schaffer, and Adon Fogg, and for those you name silently or aloud.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those who have died of COVID-19 and those who died serving their country, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZqzsrV8
And now for something totally different….a rather grainy video of John Denver teaching the Lord’s Prayer in western native sign language taught to him by a Native American friend. It’s funny and amusing, but the explanation of the signs actually helps illumine the meaning!
Hymn Crown him with many crowns 494, Hymnal

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kPkighup8E

At the 50th Coronation Anniversary of HRM Queen Elizabeth II.

Note the humility implied by Christian monarchs in singing verse 4:
“Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign...”

The Blessing

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude Jim Roan

Anniversary: Terry Larsen & Rebecca Hill-Larsen

Birthdays: Doug Hartford, Lois Peraino, Kathleen Taylor, Courtney Shepatin, Kevin Buckley, and Yvonne Robinson

PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY 11:00 am Zoom Coffee Hour
Click Here for log in information or https://www.allsts.org/coffee-hour

Monday, May 25th OFFICE CLOSED in honor of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 26th 5:00 pm Dinner Bell, sponsored by St. Rose of Lima,
Take-Out ONLY

Wednesday, May 27th 8:30 am Zoom Morning Prayer hosted by Barbara Buckley – Click here for information

Thursday, May 28th 7:00 pm Zoom Compline (hosted by Deacon Paul)
Click here for information

** Fr. Curtis is on vacation May 22nd thru May 29th, please contact Deacon Paul Higginson for emergency pastoral needs. Blessings to you all.
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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