

May 12th, 2013
Ascension of the Lord
10:00 am



St. Peter's Anglican Church,
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The 50 Great Days of Easter

The feast of Easter is fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. Today, on the Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season, we are celebrating Ascension Day (which was Thursday).

THE GATHERING

Call to Silence

As today's service begins, a gong will sound, calling us to stillness before God. As its sound fades away, we stand to sing our processional hymn.

Processional Hymn # 231: That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you. **May Christ fill our hearts with joy.**

Ascension Day Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb, and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly, yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

The Ascension Day Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have

heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they 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 the Father 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

Response: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

A minister says

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

The Gloria, Hymn #365

Collect

Almighty God, **your son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Time - *The children now leave for Spirit Zone*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us

who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Psalm 93

James Taylor, Everyday Psalms, 1994

The Lord wears light like a royal robe;
it dazzles those who gaze upon the Lord.

The whole world is God's royal throne;
like a sapphire, it shines in the darkness of space.

The earth has been God's home from the beginning;
before time began, God was there.

A river in flood laughs at dykes and sandbags.

Its banks cannot contain it;
 it sweeps trees and homes along like dust.
As thundering waters dominate a valley,
so God dominates this planet.

But God is greater than any flood,
greater than the surf that pounds a rocky shore into sand.
 For acts of God are not at random;
God rules with justice and fairness,
and makes the whole earth holy.

Hear, oh earth! The Lord, the Lord alone, is God.
Now, and forever.

Gradual Hymn: #247 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Response: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: The Reverend Dr. Jane Rowland

Affirmation of Faith *(from 1 Timothy 3:16, 6:15-16)*

This is the great mystery of our faith:

**Christ appeared in the flesh
and was shown to be righteous by the Spirit.**

**He was seen by angels
and was announced to the nations.**

**He was believed on in the world
and was taken up in to heaven.**

**At the right time
Christ will be revealed from heaven
by the blessed and only almighty God,
the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

**He alone can never die,
and he lives in light so brilliant
that no human can approach him.**

**No one has ever seen him, nor ever will.
To him be honor and power forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father’. Alleluia.
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you **and also with you. Alleluia.**

Offertory Hymns:

Majesty - by Jack Hayford
(Sung twice)

Majesty, worship his majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from
his throne
Unto his own his anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king
Majesty, worship his majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings.

He Is Exalted - by Twila Paris
(Sung twice)

He is exalted the King is exalted on High
I will praise You
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high

The Prayer over the Gifts:

Eternal God, **our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer # 3, BAS p. 198

The Lord's Prayer, p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #8, p. 212

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Giver of love and power, **your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #387: All Praise to Thee

The Dismissal of the Community

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Nigeria and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Anthony Nkwoka.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Michael and All Angels, Strathmore and their wardens and for the clergy conference, May 13-16 with guest speaker; The Rev. Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark and their clergy, The Rev. Clive Thomas.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Avril LeBlanc, Aiona Delday, Wendy Both, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, The Rt. Rev. Gary Woolsey, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Mandy Gravells, Ruth Elford, Alice Entwistle, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Pat McNamara, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Eileen Williams, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe.
- We pray for those being baptized on May 26th: Kayley Emma Bourque and Ronin Raju Thacker
- For the recent loss of loved ones, we pray for Sheila and Peter Leigh and their families as well as Barb Lamoureux and her family.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Dustin Ruttan in loving memory of his mother, Christy; by Betty Waite in loving memory of Ken and in thanksgiving for many blessings; by Mrs. Dorothy Wiens in memory of Walter Wiens, husband, father and grandfather and by Eapen and Mary Mathew in memory of Mary's father, Karah Kurien.

Arnold Williams is warden on duty today.

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Celebrant: The Rev. Graham Goode

Deacon: The Rev. Julienne Hendrickson

Lay Reader: Connie Kadey and David McKeown

Organist: Chris Fullerton

*The following is a list of Clergy, Staff, Wardens and Council Members of St. Peter's
Please feel free to direct any inquiries, questions or concerns to any of the wardens.*

*Also, if you or someone you know is ill or in need of pastoral care, please leave a message or
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