

Sunday, May 24, 2020
Easter VII, Year A
The Sunday after Ascension Day
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, TN

Organ Voluntary Prelude on *All hail the power of Jesus' Name* Jean Langlais (1907-1991) [4:03]
pre-Liturgy of the Word announcements (Timothy)

The Holy Eucharist

Process from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually

Opening Acclamation [Lissa]

† Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

The Song of Praise All hail the power of Jesus' name Coronation [1:24]

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Oh, that with all the sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.* (Edward Peronet)

The Collect of the Day

Lissa The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Lissa Let us pray.

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.*

1st Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

[*Eric & Andrew Spivey 1:33*]

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

[*French Ball & Andrea Tucker 2:54*]

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 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 his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his 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 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

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.

2nd Lesson

1 Peter 4:24-14; 5:6-11

[Libby Patterson 1:20]

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 he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, 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 his eternal glory in Christ, will himself

restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

John 17:1-11

[The Rev'd B J Heyboer 2:21]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
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, Father, 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. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Venerable Roger Saterstrom [10:27]

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(Joe & Becca Ingle) [7:20]

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We pray for the universal church and all its members as we are physically distant from one another, that your body may continue to serve and love and build one another up in faith and hope. We pray that your church all over the world might still be mindful of and responsive to our mission of reconciliation, healing, and unity, fulfilling the work you give to each of us. Lead us toward a holy fulfillment of our responsibilities at work and home. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops, for members of the Anglican Consultative Council, for the Secretary-General, the Most Reverend Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, and for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. Philip's, Murfreesboro. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, and Haiti, especially St. Andre's Church, Hinche, Haiti, and the Reverend Noé Bernier, Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this country and all in authority: that our leaders might move forward in this health crisis with true humility and courage, honoring truth, human lives, and dignity for all God's children. Fill our leaders at the national, state, and local levels with the wisdom, creativity, perseverance, and steadfastness needed to meet this complicated challenge. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole world as we face the changes, damage, and opportunities of this global health crisis together. Through this universal struggle, remind each human heart that we are one human family and strengthen our understanding of our common plight, leading us in your time and ways to the unity foreshadowed in scripture. We pray especially for the people in nations without robust health systems, that they might be spared the full brunt of this virus. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the city and people of Nashville, giving thanks especially for the many essential workers and leaders who are keeping us all safe and healthier: for health care workers, truck and delivery drivers, cleaning staffs, grocery store clerks, postal employees, teachers, social workers, farmworkers, and others employed in essential fields that involve greater risk than staying home. Increase your Spirit of love, generosity, and justice throughout our neighborhoods and city. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of Christ Church Cathedral: for the comfort and strengthening of those who have lost their jobs, those who are isolated, for families struggling to adapt to learning and constant togetherness at home, and for those who are expecting children during this uncertain time. We ask your protection and sustenance for the many seeking to support and care for those facing distress. We give great thanks for the Spirit of love, care, and communion that is evident in this church family even now. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad, especially, Shona, Heath, Chris, Toby, Louis, Doug, Andi, James, Bradley, Griff, David, and Rachael. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer, especially Susan, Geoffrey, Poppy, Wilodean, Ted, Patti, Rachel, Al, Jennifer, Laura, John, William, Cassie, Charlotte, Prince, Pam, Lynn, Ben, Jim, Juanita,

Molly, Benetta and her mother, Judge, Jeff, Agnes, Allan, Joe, Margaret, and those in any trouble: for those in prison and detention centers, for the homeless and inadequately housed, for those anxious about vulnerable members of their families. We lift up to your care and our own eyes the struggles of women and children around the world who are suffering increased violence in their homes, asking that your Spirit and our hands around the world might respond to their needs. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the departed and those who mourn for them: for the repose of the souls of those who have died from COVID-19 and other afflictions of this life, and for those who must bury and grieve for their loved ones in these unusual circumstances. We ask for your close presence to those who must mourn in physical distance from other relatives and friends. Risen Lord,

hear our prayer.

[Lissa]

Gracious God, in whom there is the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Receive these our prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your Kingdom will come to fruition in glory. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Then Matthew says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Matthew and People

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.

Lissa stands and says

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.*

The Peace

The Announcements (Timothy)
with EfM graduation video

Solo at the Offertory O Lord most high, eternal King
Valerie Kamen, alto

Percy Carter Buck
[1:44]

The Great Thanksgiving

Lissa The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Lissa Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Lissa Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, Lissa proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Lissa and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed † is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, Lissa is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." †

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." †

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Lissa and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lissa continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also † that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

Lissa breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. † Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is distributed.

Solo Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray Orlando Gibbons [1:43]
 Valerie Kamen, alto

The Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Lissa and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn,

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol [2:13]

You are invited to sing along at home.

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?*

Lissa

May the risen Christ
who has passed into the heavens clothe you
with power from on high; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Matthew

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare

William Matthias [2:00]

Celebrant: The Rev'd Lissa Smith
Deacon: The Rev'd Matthew Lewis
Preacher: The Venerable Roger Saterstrom
Assisting: The Very Rev'd Timothy E. Kimbrough
gospeler: The Rev'd B. J. Heyboer, retired
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French Ball & Andrea Tucker, Joe & Becca Ingle
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