

Holyrood Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020
Church Day: + + + Ascension Day + + + (Year A)

Psalm 8 : *Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 O LORD our Governor, * // **how exalted is your Name in all the world!**
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * // **your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * // **to quell the enemy and the avenger.**
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * // **the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * // **the son of man that you should seek him out?**
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * // **you adorn him with glory and honor;**
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * // **you put all things under his feet:**
- 8 All sheep and oxen, * // **even the wild beasts of the field,**
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * // **and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.**
- 10 O LORD our Governor, * // **how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

Psalm 47 : *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * // **shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * // **he is the great King over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, * // **and the nations under our feet.**
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * // **the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, * // **the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * // **sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; * // **sing praises with all your skill.**
- 8 God reigns over the nations; * // **God sits upon his holy throne.**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * // **with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * // **and he is highly exalted.**

Reading 1: Daniel 7:9-14 (NRSV)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of

heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Canticle A : A Song of Wisdom (*Sapientia liberavit*)

WISDOM 10:15-19,20B-21

"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."

Reading 2: Hebrews 2:5-18 (NRSV)

God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Canticle R : A Song of True Motherhood

JULIAN OF NORWICH

"God chose to be our mother in all things *
and so made the foundation of his work, most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.

God, the perfect wisdom of all, *
arrayed himself in this humble place.

Christ came in our poor flesh *
to share a mother's care.

Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.

Christ carried us within him in love and travail, *
until the full time of his passion.

And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, *
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.

All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *
for the love of Christ works in us; Christ is the one whom we love."

Reading 3: Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Collect: Ascension Day I, Rite Two

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Collect: Ascension Day, Rite Two

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect: Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rite Two

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

La Colecta: Sexto Domingo de Pascua

Oh Dios, tú has preparado para los que te aman cosas tan buenas que sobrepasan nuestro entendimiento: Infunde en nuestros corazones tal amor hacia ti, que, amándote en todo y sobre todas las cosas, obtengamos tus promesas, que exceden todo lo que podamos anhelar; por Jesucristo tu Hijo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.