



**CHRIST CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**  
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**KNOW CHRIST, LOVE CHRIST, SERVE CHRIST**

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rite II Morning Prayer, Year B*

**09 May, 2021**

**Online Morning Prayer Service - 9:00 am**

**Prelude** Come down, O love divine    Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Hymn** I come with joy to meet my Lord (stanzas 1-3)

**Hymnal 304**

**The Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All*            **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* Lord, open our lips.

*All*            **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.  
Alleluia.

**Gloria**

**Hymnal S280**

**Psalm 98** *Cantate Domino*

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*Reader* A reading from **The Acts of the Apostles**.

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* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*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.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.  
*All*         **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

John 15:9-17

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* 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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*        **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.**

**The Prayers**

*Reader*    In the joy and hope of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Father.

That our Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the Father.

*All*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader*    That the Church may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter and that all bishops, priests, and deacons may be renewed in their zeal to preach the gospel: we particularly pray for our Bishops: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop; and for the Clergy and Vestry of our own parish. For all of these, we pray to the Father.

*All*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader*    That God may grant us humility to reach out to one another in Christian love, we pray to the Father.

*All*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, especially for Carla B., Thomas C., Tom T., the Bull family, the Swasey family, and all our parishioners and loved ones currently on the Prayer List. For those in need, we pray to the Father.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day. Especially for David B., Norma S., and all our loved ones who have gone before us in lives of faith, we pray to the Father.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## **Announcements**

*All* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Blessing

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

*All* **Amen.**

**Hymn** I come with joy to meet my Lord (stanzas 4-5)

**Hymnal 304**

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