

# *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*



*St. Alban's Episcopal Church*  
*May 24, 2020*

**Our Mission:** We are called by the Spirit to be transformed by God in heart and mind, to serve our community, UCLA, and the world as the Body of Christ. We will grow in faith, hope and love through the practices of worship, formation, compassion and hospitality.

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word"

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call; praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gail, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
 People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Officiant: 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.

People: *Amen.*

## The Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- might- y God and Fa- ther. we wor- ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have  
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re-  
ceive our prayer. for you a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je- sus  
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther A - - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

**Officiant:** 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.

**People:** *Amen.*

## The First Reading

### Acts 1:6-14

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.*

## The Second Reading

### 1 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 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

Gospel Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (17:1-11).

*People: 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.”

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



## The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Honeychurch

## Musical Meditation *How Can I Keep From Singing*

Robert Lowery  
text: Pauline T.

My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing  
It finds an echo in my soul  
How can I keep from singing?  
What though my joys and comforts die?  
I Lord, my Savior liveth  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that refuge clinging  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?  
I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin  
I see the blue above it  
And day by day this pathway smooths,  
Since first I learned to love it,  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart  
A fountain ever springing  
For all things are mine since I am his  
How can I keep from singing

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that refuge clinging  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

**Ben Read, tenor**

## The Nicene Creed

Reader: Let us join in affirming our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**People:** *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

As Jesus Christ offered his great, high-priestly prayer for all of us who have come to belief through the ministry of his apostolic church, let us pray with Christ and in his name for the church, the world, and all people everywhere saying:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that all humanity may live in freedom with justice and dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the church in Christ Jesus, that we may be one in Christ as Christ is one with God, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the apostolic mission of the church, that we may bring all humanity to the knowledge and love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the diaconal ministry of the church, that we may serve one another in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who need the healing love and power of Christ, especially those we now name...; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died, especially those we now name...; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others: We pray for our Bishops: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and the bishops of our diocese, John and Diane; and for Bob, our Interim Rector; for Yein, our Rector-Elect; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

O God, our Lord Jesus Christ, our great high priest, lives to make intercessions for us. Hear the prayers of your church assembled in his name and presence. Show your glory in all the world that it may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***

## **The Anthem**

*Canticle for Easter*

arr. Patti Drennan

*text: Christopher Wordsworth*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness;  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory  
now is risen from the dead.  
Now the iron bars are broken;  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on that holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed,  
and we conquer by His mighty enterprise.  
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, we are risen,  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of Thy face,  
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,  
we on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord with Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Now we gain our liberty;  
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity,  
Alleluia, alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

***People: 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 Blessing**

## The Closing Hymn

### “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with five numbered parts and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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