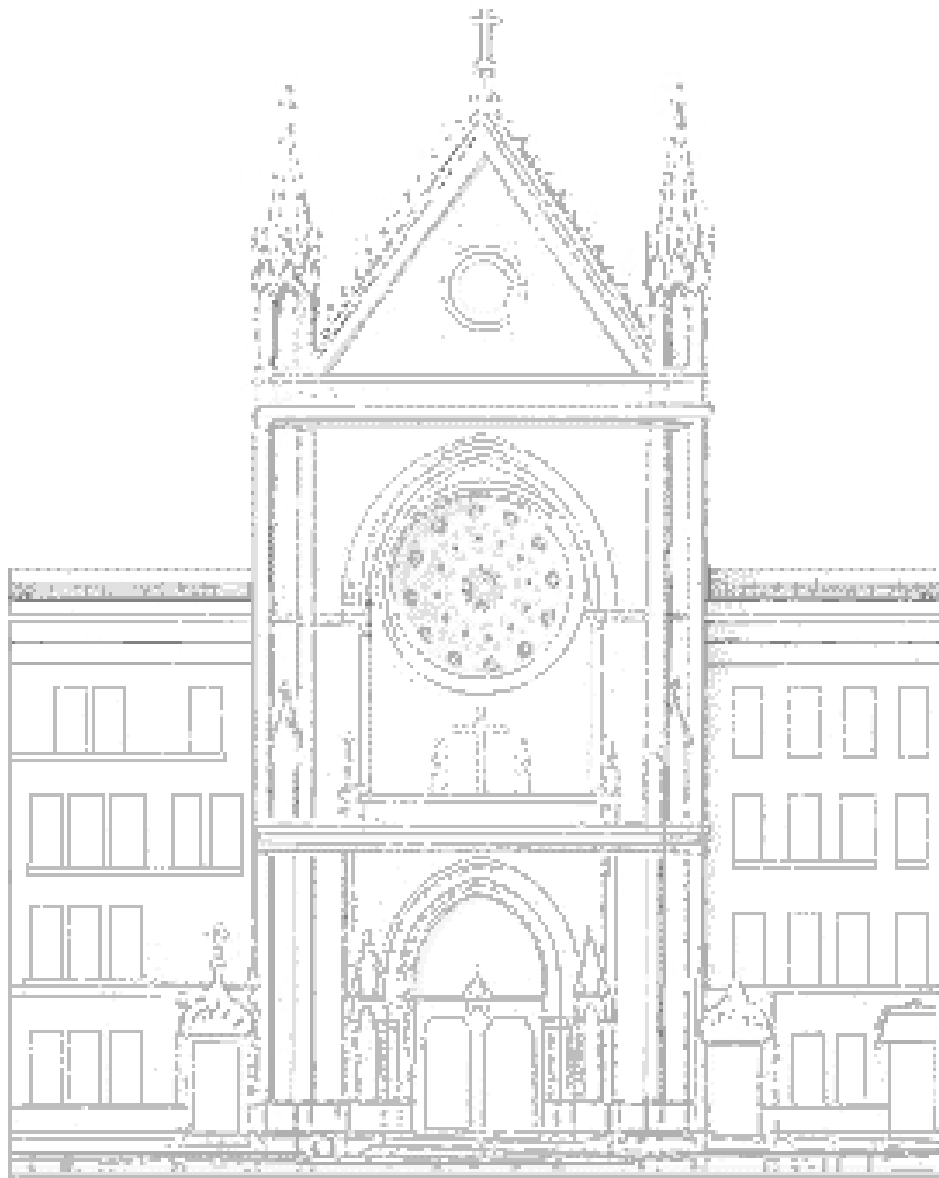


The Seventh Sunday of Easter

EVENING PRAYER &
EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION

May 24, 2020, 5:00 PM

**The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin
in the City of New York**



About Evening Prayer & Benediction

The Reformation gave Episcopalians an especially rich form of daily prayer. In Episcopal cathedrals and parishes, morning and evening Psalms and scripture are prayed in a regular pattern known as “The Daily Office.” Many members of our Church also pray one or both of these daily offices privately when they are unable to come to church. When Evening Prayer is sung it is called “Evensong.” During the academic year at Saint Mary’s, Sunday Evensong is normally offered, though we are unable to do so during this time. Tonight, Evening Prayer concludes with Eucharistic Benediction, a short rite of prayer and blessing where we focus on the Lord’s continuing presence among us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.



At the Offering

Since we are unable to make an offering in person
at this service, let us not forget our promise
to care for the poor, the sick, and the hungry, and to give
to Saint Mary’s in support of its mission and witness.
And may all this be done to the greater glory of God.



EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

REGINA COELI 5:00 PM

All stand. The bells in the church are rung as the Officiant begins

People O Queen of Heaven, be joyful.
Alleluia.

Officiant Because he whom so meetly thou barest,
People Alleluia,

Officiant Hath arisen as he promised,
People Alleluia.

Officiant Pray for us to the Father,
People Alleluia.

Officiant Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
People For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his mother, may ✠ attain unto the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Officiant begins the Office, saying

Officiant ✠ O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

As they bow, the Officiant and People say

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. Alleluia.

The Officiant begins

O gracious Light,

Officiant and People

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Then follows

The Psalms Appointed

*The Congregation recites Psalm 19. The Officiant recites the first half-verse. Then, all are seated.
The epistle side is the right-hand side of the church if one is facing the altar.*

<i>Officiant</i> <i>All</i>	1	The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.	<i>All are seated.</i>
<i>Epistle</i>	2	One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.	
<i>Gospel</i>	3	Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,	
<i>Epistle</i>	4	Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.	
<i>Gospel</i>	5	In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.	
<i>Epistle</i>	6	It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.	
<i>Gospel</i>	7	The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.	
<i>Epistle</i>	8	The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.	
<i>Gospel</i>	9	The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.	

- Epistle* 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- Gospel* 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- Epistle* 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- Gospel* 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- Epistle* 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, * *All stand.*
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
- All* *Bow* | Glory to the Father, and / to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spi-/rit:
As it was in the begin-/ning, is now, *
and will be for ever. A-/men.
- The Congregation recites Psalm 46. The Officiant recites the first half-verse. Then, all are seated.
The epistle side is the right-hand side of the church if one is facing the altar.*
- Officiant* 1 God is our refuge and / strength, * *All are seated.*
All a very present / help in trouble.
- Epistle* 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be / moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the / depths of the sea;
- Gospel* 3 Though its waters rage and / foam, *
and though the mountains tremble / at its tumult.
- Epistle* 4 The LORD of hosts is / with us; *
the God of Jacob / is our stronghold.

The First Lesson

All are seated. The appointed Lesson, Ezekiel 3:16–27, is now read.

In chapters 1–3 of the Book of Ezekiel, the Lord calls the prophet and gives him five commissions. In the fourth commission (3:16–21), the focus is on Ezekiel’s personal responsibility to fulfill the prophetic office to which he has been called. The enigmatic fifth commission (3:22–27) may refer to the prophet’s inability, for a period of time, to speak of anything but the doom of Judah and Jerusalem.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

All stand. The canticle is recited antiphonally. The epistle side is the right-hand side of the church if one is facing the altar.

Officiant My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
All for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

Epistle From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.

Gospel He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.

Epistle He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Gospel He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.

Epistle He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.

Gospel He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

Epistle The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

All Bow | 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.

The Second Lesson

All are seated. The Reader reads the appointed Lesson, Hebrews 12:18–29.

The author exhorts and warns his readers in the letter's final chapters. Once again, he contrasts the old and the new covenants. The old covenant made with Moses is earthly, impermanent, and "shaken." The new covenant, whose mediator is Jesus, is heavenly, permanent, and it "cannot be shaken." The author urges his readers "to offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe," worship which is somehow linked to the "festal gathering" in "the heavenly Jerusalem."

After the Lesson, the Reader says

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

All stand. The canticle is recited antiphonally. The epistle side is the righthand side of the church if one is facing the altar.

Officiant Lord, you now have set your servant free *
All to go in peace as you have promised;

Epistle For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
 whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

Gospel A Light to enlighten the nations, *
 and the glory of your people Israel.

All Bow | 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.

The Apostles' Creed

All remain standing. The Creed is said. The Officiant begins

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.

The Lord's Prayer

The Officiant begins

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.
Officiant Our Father,
People 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 Suffrages

The Officiant leads the People in the suffrages.

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of the glorious and ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Francis of Assisi, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collects

The Officiant prays the collects. The People respond, Amen.

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.*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Officiant Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Hymn: O salutaris Hostia

The Officiant moves to the foot of the altar. The Congregation kneels. The Sacrament is placed in the monstrance

The Officiant kneels. The Cantor intones the first phrase of the appointed hymn, after which the Congregation joins in singing the hymn.

1 O sav - ing Vic - tim, o - pening wide
2 All praise and thanks to thee as - cend
the gate of heav'n to us be - low,
for ev - er - more, blest One in Three;
our foes press on from ev - 'ry side,
O grant us life that shall not end
thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.
in our true na - tive land with thee. A - men.

Words: Latin, attributed to Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274);

trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

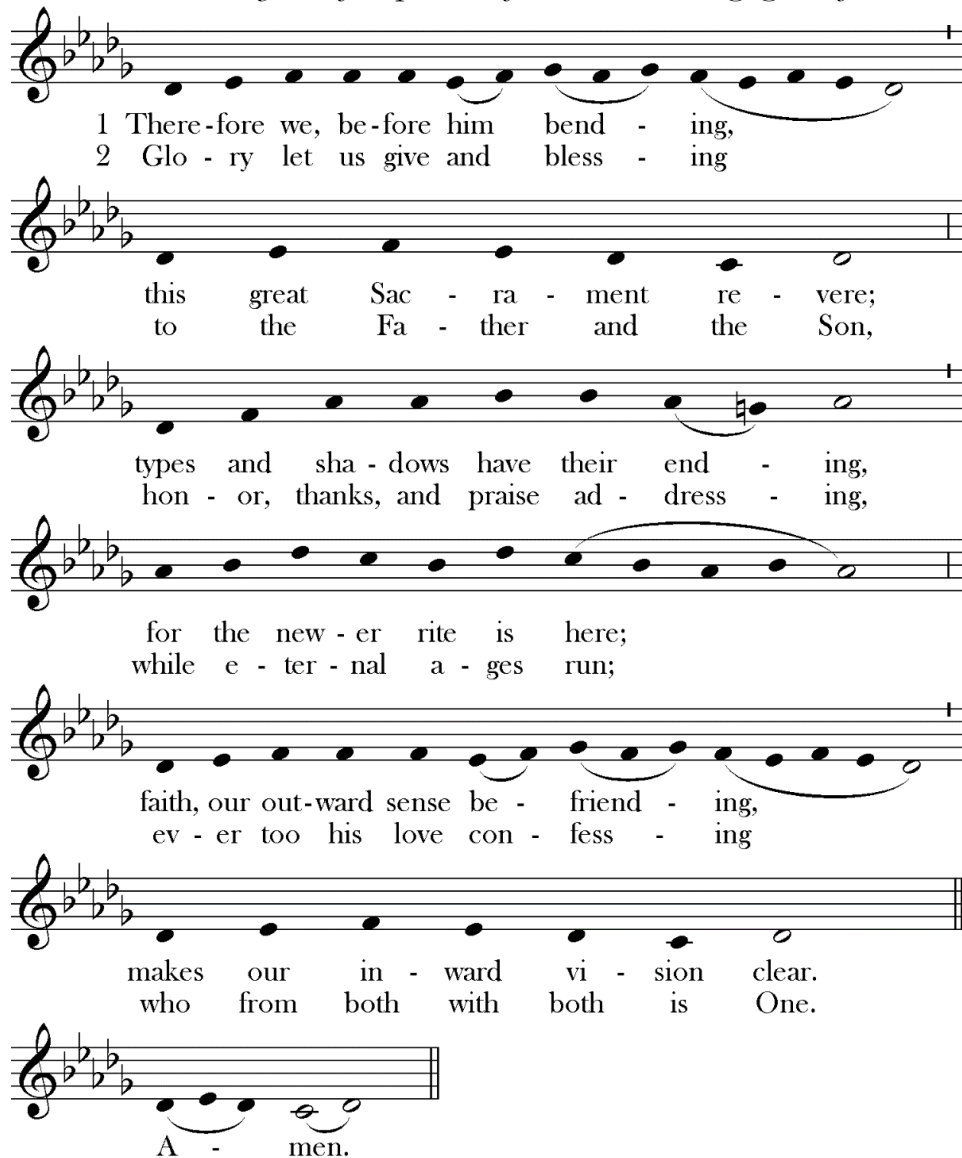
Music: *Martyr Dei*, Medieval Plainsong, Mode 6, from *The New English Hymnal*.

Adoration

A period of silence is kept, at the end of which there is a reading from Holy Scripture.

Hymn: Tantum ergo

The Cantor intones the hymn's first phrase, after which the Congregation joins in singing the hymn.



1 There-fore we, be-fore him bend - ing,
2 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing

this great Sac - ra - ment re - vere;
to the Fa - ther and the Son,

types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,

for the new - er rite is here;
while e - ter - nal a - ges run;

faith, our out-ward sense be - friend - ing,
ev - er too his love con - fess - ing

makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
who from both with both is One.

A - men.

Words: Latin, attributed to Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225?–1274); ver. *Hymnal* 1940, rev.

Music: *Tantum ergo Sacramentum*, plainsong, Mode 5, *Zisterzienser Hymnar*, fourteenth century

The Prayers

The Officiant leads the Divine Praises, the Congregation repeating each sentence after him.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the comforter.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

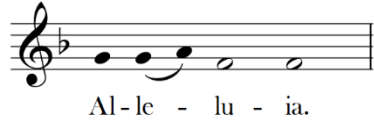
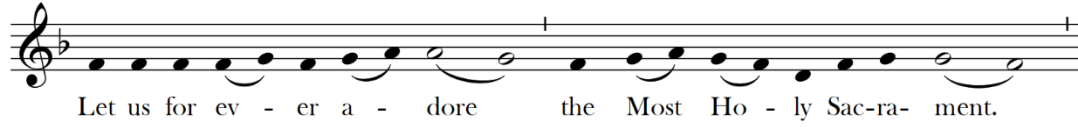
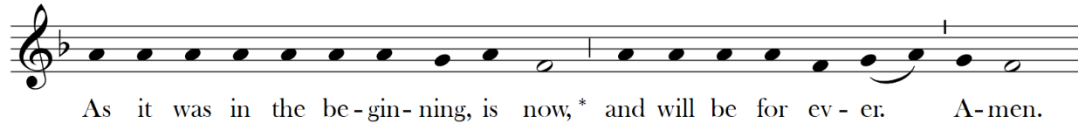
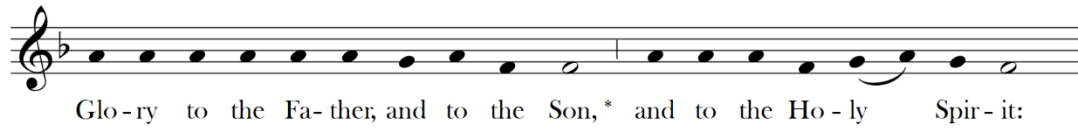
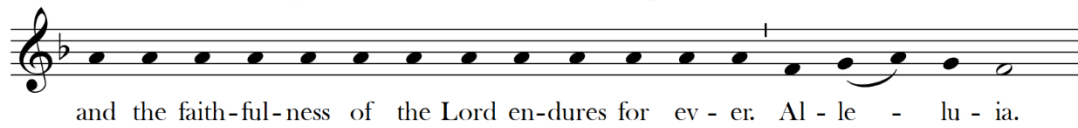
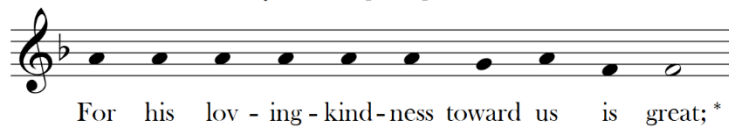
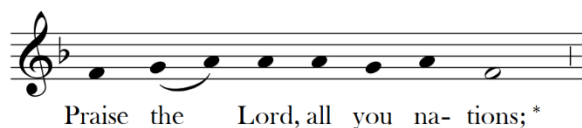
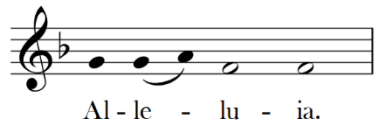
Then, the Officiant stands and sings

You gave them bread from heaven, alleluia,



The Reposition

The Sacrament is reposed. All stand. Then the Cantor and People sing the Eastertide antiphon and Psalm 117.



Officiant
People

May the Divine Assistance remain with us always.
And with those who are absent from us.



The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Sung Mass 10:00 AM

Homily by the Reverend Stephen Gerth

Evening Prayer & Eucharistic Benediction 5:00 PM

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Sung Mass 10:00 AM

Homily by the Reverend James Ross Smith

Evening Prayer & Eucharistic Benediction 5:00 PM

These services are livestreamed on the parish's Facebook page and then archived for later viewing.

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