

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**June 1, 2025 Lectionary Year C**

**We are Called to Proclaim the Goodness & Grace of God**

**6:30 a.m.**

First Lesson  
Psalm 97  
BCP page 595  
Epistle  
Gospel  
Creed  
Prayer of Intercession

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

Acts 16:16 - 34 Douglas Folkes  
**Refrain:** (all sit) *"The Lord is King, the most high over all the earth. Alleluia, Alleluia."*  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Rhonda Goodison  
John 17:20 - 26  
BCP page 278  
BCP Form B page 107

**8:00 a.m.**

Processional  
Canticle  
First Lesson  
Psalm 97  
Epistle  
Gradual  
Gospel  
Sermon  
The Creed  
Intercession  
Offertory Hymn  
During Communion  
Meditation Prayer  
Recessional

**SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON**

198 Thou art gone up on high  
God's Pascal Lamb See flysheet  
Acts 16:16 - 34 Lucien Jones  
See flysheet (all stand)  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Paulette Thompson  
193 Rejoice the Lord is King  
John 17:20 - 26  
Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson  
BCP page 278  
BCP Form B page 107  
607 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  
591, 569, 612  
BCP page 76-77  
196 The head that once was crowned with thorns

**5:00 p.m.**

**Evening Service & Praise**

**Prayer for Mission and Evangelism**

Lord of the harvest, we thank You for the awesome privilege and responsibility You have given to us, to partner with You in Your Mission, the Mission of the Church. Equip and empower us by Your Holy Spirit, so that as we live and work, as we share Jesus with others in our own homes, our work places, in our churches, on the streets, by telephone, on the internet – whenever and wherever the opportunity arises so that lives might be touched and transformed, and souls healed and rescued for Your Kingdom.

Awaken Your Church to the New and Abundant life that Jesus came to give us. Help us all to share our experience of this New life with others in your name we pray. **Amen.**

**Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service**

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**The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on Youtube.**

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**Chapel of Ease:**

**St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.**



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Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know ?

Jesus instructed the disciples that they will be witnesses to his life, death, and resurrection “to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” The first disciples were faithful to these instructions. They brought the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth. We are evidence of their success. Now it is our turn. We cannot stand looking up to heaven, both astonished and frightened by Jesus’ absence from our sight. We have work to do. If Jesus’ message is to be brought into the world, it is now up to us to do it. He has been exalted by God, and we must now be his witnesses “to the ends of the earth.”

Quote for Reflection

“According to John, the night before he dies, Jesus prayed that all of us might share in his future glory. It is precisely through our union with Jesus that this will happen. This is a matter of faith, however. We are called to believe that Jesus was not merely put to death, but that his death and resurrection conquered the stranglehold that death can have over us, and to believe that we can share in his glory. This calls for faith, because it may not appear that his death and resurrection have changed anything in the world. The world still harbors selfishness and arrogance, deceit and abuse, hatred and revenge. Is this vision of triumph and glory implausible?

Our faith tells us that this vision describes what really took place. Yet, can we discover any concrete evidence that confirms its trustworthiness?”

*The Word For Every Season - Dianna Bergant, CSA*

Questions for reflection

- What does the exaltation of Jesus mean in your life today?
- In what ways do you already witness to the good news of the gospel?

**The Annual Music Camp** will be on July 7 - 18, Monday through Friday, beginning at 8:30 to 1:30. The venue will be Christ Church, Vineyard Town. The cost will be \$16,000. We encourage sponsorship

**We welcome** items that are non-perishable and toiletries for our next Dorcas Basket.

**Readings for June 8, 2025:** Acts 2: 1 - 21/Genesis 11:1 - 9;  
Psalm 104:25 - 35, 37b; Romans 8:14 - 17, or Acts 2:1 - 21;  
John 14:8 - 17.

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

**Birthdays for this week:** Canon Georgia Jervis and Merle Robertson 01/06, Rev. Richard Anderson 02/06, Daphne Murray and Janna Patel 03/06, Alvaro Casserly, Clarence Walker and Karen Pennant-Morgan 04/06, Lois Brown and Shawnette & Keyshawn Pitterson 05/6, Bishop Leon Golding, Margaret Spooner and Lorraine Geddes-McDonald 06/06, Amani Prince, Rusti Zacca and Zhane Simmonds 07/06.

**Condolence is extended** to the family of Cynthia O’Sullivan.

**Annual Sunday School Children’s Festival**, will be today, June 1, 2025 at 3:30 pm at The Church of the Transfiguration, Red Hills Rd. The theme is “Rooted in Faith a Firm Foundation for the Future.” A bus will leave SAPC at 2:45 pm and will return by 6:30pm. ***‘Students are reminded to wear their Sunday School T- shirts where they have them’***

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**We express thanks to our members who continue to give sacrificially to ensure that the ministry and mission of the church are sustained as we continue to witness and minister in these challenging times.**

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK June 1 - June 7

June 3 No Service - Clergy Conference  
June 4 No Service - Clergy Conference  
June 6 Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Judith Sayle	Hyacinth Elliott
Doris Levien		Janet Hunt	Monica Cameron
Margaret Newman		Cynthia McFarlane	Flavia Dickson
Heron Wright		Anita Hall	Pearl Stern

The Light of Faith is revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ, who remained faithful to the Will of God the Father. “I must do the Will of the One who sent me”, (John 56:38). It is the Faith of Jesus, who remained obedient even to suffering and death, and made a perfect offering of humanity to God. In His life of obedience that we see the lifestyle of Faith; a Faith in the power and ability of God to move Him through the passage of death and to raise Him.

This is the source of Joy for Christians, as we too shall be moved and guided through the valley of death to be raised to the life of Resurrection. “The Cross, the central symbol of Christian life, has been, ever since Jesus’ renewal of the Passover, the sign of Joy and Hope – Joy for his passage (and that our nature in Him) into His kingdom, and, therefore, assured Hope for His Lordship at the end.” *[The Origins of the Liturgical Year, Thomas J. Talley]* It is this Pascal Joy inspired the early Church as Christians assembled on the Lord’s Day to celebrate the Pascal Mystery, and to give thanks and rejoice. **“Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.”**

### **I Serve a Risen Saviour**

<p><b>1.</b> I serve a risen Savior He's in the world today. I know that He is living, Whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer; And just the time I need Him He's always near.</p>	<p><b>2.</b> In all the world around me I see His loving care, And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that He is leading, Through all the stormy blast; The day of His appearing Will come at last. <b>R</b></p>
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### **Refrain**

***He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.***

**3.** Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
To Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him,  
The Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving,  
So good and kind. **R**

## **Liturgy for the Sundays of Easter 1/06/25**

### **Easter Greeting**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen indeed:

**People:** **Come, let us adore Him, Alleluia!**

**Celebrant:** +Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**People:** **He has given us new life and hope! He has raised Jesus from the dead!**

**Celebrant:** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People:** **This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!**

**Celebrant:** Behold a new creation. The stone is rolled away. Alleluia

**People:** **Salvation belongs to the Lord our God. Amen. Alleluia**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! The Lord has rescued and saved his people:

**People:** **Who for our sake is risen for our redemption. Alleluia**

### **The Collect For Purity**

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.**

### **Canticle : God’s Paschal Lamb (Pascha Nostrum)**

- God’s Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
- Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
- In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
though Adam’s sin had doomed all flesh to die,  
in Christ’s new life shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Collect for the day & The Ministry of the word**

## Psalm 97 Metric

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| 1. The Lord is King; let earth rejoice,<br>And islands all praise him alone;<br>Darkness and clouds surround the Lord,<br>Justice and right uphold his throne. | 3. Light has sprung up for all the just<br>And joy for those whose hearts are<br>true;<br>Rejoice, then, in the Lord and give<br>Thanks to his Name as is hid sue. |
| 2. A fire precedes him and burns up<br>His enemies both far and near;<br>His lightnings light up all the world,<br>Earth sees it and draws back in fear.       | 4. All glory to the Father, Son,<br>And to the Holy Spirit be;<br>As from the first it was, is now,<br>And will be for eternity.                                   |

## Five Marks of Mission

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To challenge violence, injustice, and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth

## A Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, you are the only source of Health and Healing, and the center of peace in the universe. By the power of your Holy Spirit heal us in body, mind and spirit and grant that we may have complete faith and trust in you. In all pain, distress, weariness and anxiety may we rest in your abiding presence and know ourselves to be renewed, transformed and encircled by your loving care, so that we may allow you to give us health, strength and peace through our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ©

## A Message for the Pascal Season

**Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.**

The Apostles' Creed was formulated, not in the early Sunday Worship of the Church; rather it was in the Baptismal Liturgy of the Paschal Vigil Service. The Baptised, who were mainly adults, did not receive the Creed as a continuous narrative; rather the Creed was a part of a dialogue. Specifically, the three parts of the Apostles' Creed were presented as questions to the candidates, individually, to be baptized.

"Do you believe in God?"

"Do you believe in Jesus Christ?"

"Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?"

The response of each person would have been, "I do believe."

After each "I do believe", the candidate who was standing in a river or a pool in the Baptistry, was submerged or, at least sprinkled, with water. Water could also have been poured on the baptizand. The baptizand had entered into a Covenant relationship to witness to the reality of the crucified and risen Jesus Christ.

At the Easter Celebration, and moreso at the Easter Vigil, the dialogue of the Creed has been retained in the Liturgy of the Church. It is to be noted that the assent given to each question is "I believe in ...", and not "We". "Although the dialogue is between President and People, and takes place within the Church, it is necessary for us to know that we cannot produce Faith from ourselves, we receive it from God, mediated through Jesus Christ and the Church" [*Why Believe in God, Gerard Lofink*]. It is fundamental that each person must receive it (Faith) with their whole heart, and confess it. The dialogue form of the Apostle's Creed can be found on Page 278 (BCP) and page 265 (BCP) of the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of the Apostolic Faith as contained in the Scriptures. It highlights the person and work of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that demand a personal commitment and constant assent to a Covenant relationship with the Triune God. At its central core the Apostles' Creed declares who and what Jesus Christ was, is and will be. The initial emphasis is on God, the Creator (the Father), with the work of the Holy Spirit following, and the Christian salvation which is the assurance and the ground of our Faith.