

# Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

7:00 In the evening

## An Order of Worship for the Evening

*The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.*

Prelude: Now we pray to the Holy Ghost *BuxWV209*

D. Buxtehude

*The Officiant greets the people with these words*

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation – the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night; Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Opening Hymn #204 Now the green blade riseth**

*Noël nouvelet*

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter

and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

*Officiant:* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 105: 1-8**

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1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

## **A Litany:**

### **Out of the Depths We Cry Out to You in the Face of the Coronavirus**

Creator God of the universe, God of a thousand names and faces, divine source of health and wholeness, whose compassion embraces the entire community of Earth: behold your fearful people all over the world as we confront the Coronavirus. Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear our voices. Let your ear be attentive to our cries (Pm 130:1-2, adapted) as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus:

For all healthcare-givers--nurses, physicians, aides, EMTs, paramedics, technicians and therapists; out of the depths. O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For hospital and nursing home medical staff, assistants, and housekeepers who have close contact with patients and for the patients themselves; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who travel for their daily work over land and sea and through the air—flight attendants, pilots, ship captains and sailors, bus drivers, passengers and long distance truck drivers and delivery drivers; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who handle essential goods and money—bankers, supermarket, village market, farm market, hardware store and convenience store workers; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who pump gas and serve customers at Interstate rest areas; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For restaurant workers—bartenders, coffee shop baristas, cooks, servers, chefs, and dishwashers; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For hospitality workers--hotel and motel receptionists, servers and housekeepers; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For daycare center staff who cuddle and comfort children and for all children; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For teachers and professors, coaches and cafeteria workers at schools and universities across the world and students everywhere; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protest them**

For the homeless huddling for warmth over steam grates and under urban bridges; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry to you. Protect them.**

For those whose cupboards are empty and their housing not secure, the lonely, the vulnerable, migrants, and isolated who have no protectors; out of the depths, O God--

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have tested positive, all who are waiting for test results, and all who are quarantined; out of the depths—

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have already died of the Coronavirus, now free from pain and suffering. May the God of hope carry them all the way home, and comfort their families and friends. Out of the depths—

**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

Loving God, hasten the day when the virus will have run its course; quicken scientists to develop medications and vaccines; call out the best instincts of your people—love, neighborliness, compassion, and a sense of caring for every member of your beloved community on Earth. We pray out of the depths to you, O God of hope, who is with us even in the valley of the shadow of death. **Amen**

--Anne and Jeffery Rowthorn

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*The Officiant and People say together*

**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. Amen.**

**COLLECT (Prayed together)**

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**O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light; Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever,. *Amen.***

A Prayer For our Country

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*The Officiant concludes with the following*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn: #23 The fleeting day is nearly gone vss 1,2,4**

*Du meine Seelen*

**The fleeting day is nearly gone;  
We harvest what the morning sowed.  
Now grant us undiminished strength  
stand and do what still remains.**

**At prayer time, near the Temple gate,  
Apostles made a lame man walk.  
They gave him healing in your Name;  
Now give us grace to walk your way.**

**O God, creation's ruling force,  
O Jesus, crucified for us,  
O Spirit, bringing power and health,  
we praise and bless you every hour.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Postlude: *All glory be to God on high BWV716*

J. S. Bach