

**“BUT ONE THING IS NECESSARY.  
MARY HAS CHOSEN THE GOOD PORTION, WHICH WILL  
NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.”  
LUKE 10:42**



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# AGAPE MEAL LITURGY

*God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence. Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him in praise and adoration.*

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*Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give you thanks for all your servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them your mercy and the light of your presence; and give us such a lively sense of they righteous will, that the work which you have begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue in our hospitals and research centers his gracious work among us especially those ministering to people affected by the novel coronavirus; console and heal the sick; grant to the researchers, physicians, nurses, and assisting staff wisdom and skill, diligence and patience; prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon all who serve the suffering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*A "collect" is a particular type of prayer that, in the context of a worship service, summarizes (or collects) all the parts of the worship service. Think of it as a prayer that focuses on the theme of this particular service.

## ONLY KING FOREVER

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Our God and firm foundation  
Our rock, the only solid ground, as nations rise and fall  
Kingdoms once strong now shaken  
But we trust forever in your name  
The name of Jesus, we trust the name of Jesus

You are the only King forever  
Almighty God we lift you higher  
You are the only King forever  
Forevermore, you are victorious

Unmatched in all your wisdom  
In love and justice you will reign, every knee will bow  
We bring our expectation  
Our hope is anchored in your name  
The name of Jesus, we trust the name of Jesus

We lift our banner high, we lift the name of Jesus  
From age to age you reign, your kingdom has no end

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

*We encounter our Risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ*

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## THE LESSONS

*A reading from* **ACTS 1:6-11**

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

*Here ends the reading.*

*Our psalm is **PSALM 47:1-7**, and will be read responsively by whole verse.*

Psalm 47:1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

<sup>2</sup> ***For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.***

<sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup> ***He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.***

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

<sup>6</sup> ***Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!***

<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

*A reading from **LUKE 24:36-42, 50-53***

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

<sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish,... <sup>50</sup>And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Here ends the reading.*

## THE SERMON

### THE APOSTLES' CREED\*

***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.***

\*The Apostles' Creed is a theological summary of Christian beliefs, which dates back to the 7th century. However, similar forms of this creed date back to the 3rd century. Today this creed serves as an ecumenical symbol of faith.



\*"Catholic," here means that every local church founded on the gospel is part of the one universal church founded by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

\*Since God first gathered a people to himself, a fundamental part of public worship has been that his people pray together. In the presence of God, we ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation.

***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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\***

*Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well being and unity of the people of God...Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Clark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation...Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others...Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith...Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially for our President...Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For family members serving in the armed forces: Andrew, Steve, Keith, Ryan, Chris, Joshua, Katy, Adam, Alex, and Zach...Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For medical personnel working to care for the sick and for those searching to find a cure to this disease; protect their health and bless their work that many may be restored...Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity...Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray...

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

\*When we confess our sins to God we are not groveling in guilt; we are dealing with our guilt. If we deny our sins, we will never get free of from them.

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN\***

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

***Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.***

***O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of you holy Name. Amen.***

\*Only God can forgive sins. In announcing God's forgiveness, we are declaring the miraculous work of God to restore and unite us both to himself and one another. (See 1 John 1:4-7).

## THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS\*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

## AGAPE MEAL BLESSING

*The Agape Meal, while not the same as Eucharist, is a shared experience designed to highlight our connectedness as a body. This meal is intended to strengthen the fellowship and love among Christ's followers.*

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Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Let us now share bread and wine and a time of silent prayer.*

## GENERAL THANKSGIVING

***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 ourselves 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.***



## **WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

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You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in your our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus you brought heaven down  
My sin was great your love was great  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory  
For you are raised to life again  
You have no rival, you have no equal  
Now and forever God you reign  
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on  
the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come  
within the reach of your saving embrace:

So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.\*

\*More than 3,500 years ago God instructed the priests of Israel to bless his people (Number 6:22-27).

The result is that God will put his name upon the people, and he will bless them. (Phil. 4:7).

## **FOREVER REIGN**

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You are good, you are good, when there's nothing good in me  
You are love, you are love, on display for all to see  
You are light, you are light when the darkness closes in  
You are hope, you are hope, you have covered all my sin

You are peace, you are peace when my fear is crippling  
You are true, you are true even in my wandering  
You are joy, you are joy, you're the reason that I sing  
You are life, you are life, in you death has lost its sting

(Oh) I'm running to your arms, I'm running to your arms  
The riches of your love will always be enough  
Nothing compares to your embrace  
Light of the world, forever reign

You are more, you are more than my words will ever say  
You are Lord, you are Lord, all creation will proclaim  
You are here, you are here, in your presence I'm made whole  
You are God, you are God, of all else I'm letting go

My heart will sing no other name: Jesus! Jesus!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

# NEWS AND EVENTS

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## **TOGETHER AGAIN**

We are excited to announce that we will resume worshipping together again in person on Sunday, May 31. Because of COVID-19, there will be many modifications to our previous gatherings. Please refer to the email sent Saturday, May 23 for an in-depth discussion of procedures and processes intended for everyone's safety. There are three key details:

- Services will continue to be live streamed at 10:30am
- There will be a service at 8:30am intended for people deemed “at risk” by health authorities, i.e., over 65 or with health issues. No one is required to attend the service. It is being offered as an option for “at risk” people.
- There will be a service at 10:30am. This service will set aside space in the living room where any “at risk” people may watch the service as it is live streamed, if they wish. Any choosing this option may come into the worship space to receive communion.

Our goal is to have the richest and safest worship possible. Again, please read the email of May 23 for details.

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

On Memorial Day we are reminded that freedom comes at a great cost. We remember and are thankful for everyone in our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May they rest in peace.

## **MIDDAY PRAYER**

In these days of anxiety and stress, we all need a spiritual boost. One great way is by stopping regularly for a few minutes to be with God. To help you in that, we are offering Midday Prayer, from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer. Henry Covert is leading it live on Monday—Friday from 12:15-12:30 p.m. at our Facebook page. Give it a try. It will refresh your day.

## **ADULT FORUM**

Adult Forum will take a break for the summer. Thanks to Joey Alge and everyone who has participated via Zoom the past few weeks.

## **GIVING**

During this uncertain and stressful time, with no Sunday offering, our congregational giving has been remarkably consistent. Thank you for your faithfulness. As a reminder, you may give in the following ways.

- By check through the mail: 24968 Katy Ranch Rd. #100, Katy TX, 77494
- Online: our website [www.graceanglicankaty.com](http://www.graceanglicankaty.com) has a link at the top for online giving. It will be through PayPal.
- Through your bank: Use Bill Pay or Zelle to have the money sent to us. This is the easiest method. Just set it and forget it. For assistance in setting this up, contact Bill Russell, [bill@graceanglicankaty.com](mailto:bill@graceanglicankaty.com).

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Send prayer requests to [prayer@graceanglicankaty.com](mailto:prayer@graceanglicankaty.com). Our team of dedicated pray-ers will lift your request to God.

## **INFORMATION**

If you have specific questions about things like God, faith or church send them to [info@graceanglicankaty.com](mailto:info@graceanglicankaty.com). We will respond promptly.

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