



CHRIST
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August 2, 2020
10th Sunday of Pentecost

REFLECTION

Celebrating Jesus Christ, Fulfiller of God's Covenant with Moses: Christ, Our Passover

The great deliverance of Israel in the Exodus
was not automatic and inexorable:
it was laid hold of by choosing to believe.

Those who trusted, spread lamb's blood
on their doorposts;
Only this way did their firstborn survive
the Angel of Death passing over Egypt.

Israel celebrated their Great Deliverance with a feast;
Even so, as we choose to take refuge
Under the blood of the Cross,
Christ becomes our Passover Feast!
He the Lamb, slain for us,
He the Lamb we feed upon.

Thanks be to God!

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TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from this world to the sky,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 in - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, their notes let all things blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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Call to Worship Deuteronomy 5:22–24, 26-27

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
and brought Israel out from among them,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who divided the Red Sea in two,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
and rescued us from our foes,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

Invocation

Praise Hymn Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Confession of Sin

O God our Father, we come humbly, to confess how feeble is our confidence that you will fulfill your good purposes for us.

We are frail, and trouble snaps our faith like a twig.
Loss or sickness, or the thwarting of our plans,
is like a cry in our ear that we have no Father in heaven.
Forgive us we pray, for each time we have believed it.

O Lord may we remember, that in your great power,
you exiled your Son for his protection,
and then called him out of Egypt for our salvation.
And as you ordered events then, and rescued the infant Son of your love,
so the same hidden Providence has rescued us
again and again, in our own times of danger.

O Lord remind us, that until your good purposes for us are fulfilled,
we are immortal on the earth; and that even when we die
our spirit shall be in your presence,
waiting with unspeakable joy to follow Christ in his resurrection.
We renounce our unbelieving hearts and complaining spirits.
Hear our confession and cancel our guilt,
by the perfect life and sacrificial death of him who was tempted to doubt your goodness,
but never gave in – Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Confession

Absolution I Peter 1:17–21

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,
conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were
ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable
things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb
without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was
made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in
God.

Thanksgiving Hymn There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father, For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit, Till the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O for sinners slain

Chorus

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Chorus

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 12:1–14

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 11:24–28

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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New Testament Lesson Acts 12

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The Acts of the Ascended Christ, 13” | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Who can stop the Lord Almighty (repeat 2x)
Who can stop the Lord

Chorus

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Bringing Our Life to God

Profession | Collection | Prayers

Prayers of the People

Collection

Confession of Faith

The Mystery of Our Faith

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ is ascended

Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to join us to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. During this time of social distancing we offer for our pastor to come and bless your partaking of elements you provide to preserve the corporate-presence of Christ pictured in the supper as best we can. If you've been part of our streaming service please text Curran (203-812-9928) to set up a time he can meet you (from a distance) to celebrate communion.

Alleluia

Sinclair Alleluia

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Coronation Hymn

Psalm 113

Announcements

1. ¹Praise Je - ho - vah; praise the LORD; Ye His serv - ants,
 2. ²From the dawn to set - ting sun, Praise the LORD, the
 3. ³Who is like the LORD our God? High in heav'n is

praise ac - cord; ⁴Bless - ed be Je - ho - vah's name; Ev - er -
 Might - y One. ⁵O'er all na - tions HE is high; Yea, His
 His a - bode, ⁶Who Him - self doth hum - ble low Things in

more His praise pro - claim, Ev - er - more His praise pro - claim.
 glo - ry crowns the sky, Yea, His glo - ry crowns the sky.
 heav'n and earth to know, Things in heav'n and earth to know.

4. ⁷He the lowly makes to rise
 From the dust in which he lies,
⁸That exalted he may stand
 With the princes of the land.

5. ⁹He the childless woman takes
 And a joyful mother makes;
 Keeping house she finds reward.
 Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD.

REFLECTION

Passover and the Lord's Supper

In the light of the New Testament we obtain a full understanding of the Passover, while the deepest meaning of the Lord's Supper cannot be fathomed without the historic background of the Jewish Passover.

Did the Jews in the times of our Lord celebrate the Passover the same way as they do today? Substantially yes, for the Jews preserve their traditions tenaciously and faithfully.

Passover and Easter generally coincide in time (usually March or early April). There is however a deeper spiritual interdependence and unity between them. Wherever there is a city with a major Jewish population we may observe the feverish preparations for the Passover—a joyful and solemn occasion, officially designated the “Season of Liberation” and also the “Season of Joy.”...

Let us turn in our minds to that great event where the Lord and His twelve disciples gathered together in this room to eat the passover. How His heart yearned to sit down with His nearest family, the twelve. **“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”** —Luke 22:15.

Here they sat together observing the passover as ordered by God in Exodus 12. But what new life was now infused into this ancient observance by the One who was the final reality of the passover story. Now the full significance of Israel's deliverance from Egypt was at last unfolded. Here was “the Lamb of God” in the person of the Messiah Himself, about to shed His blood upon the cross, that all men who believe in Him may be set free from the Egypt of sin and darkness and enabled to begin a new life as children of God....

The red wine on the passover table brings to memory the blood of the lamb whereby the children of Israel were saved from death. Our Saviour too drank of that red wine after blessing it and dividing it among His disciples, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”** —I Corinthians 11:25.

He Himself was the final reality of what the passover lamb sought to convey originally. It is His blood that saves Jew and Gentile alike from the death of sin and eternal condemnation and makes the believer a child of God....

The story of the Passover and the Lord's Supper would be incomplete without the resurrection of our Lord. The story of Jesus does not end with His death upon the cross and the burial in a borrowed grave. If this were the end the cross would signify a beautiful but tragic life. But Christ arose the victor over death, raised up by the power of God according to His Word, that He would not suffer His Holy One to see corruption—Psalm 16:10.

Christ arose, the first fruits of resurrection, bringing to all believers assurance that if we die in Him we shall also live through Him and with Him.

— *The Gospel in the Feasts of Israel*, Victor Buksbazen (1955).

COMING UP

Wednesday Night BBQ in the Hill – August 5.

We will be helping Christ Pres in the Hill by volunteering at their BBQ outreach at [Trowbridge Square Park](#) (across from 122 Carlyle St.). Volunteers needed from 4:45 to help hand out pre-made dinners. Please email info@cpcmilford.org for more info.

THURSDAY Night Prayer Meeting – 7pm, August 6 (new day!)

In the midst of pandemic, financial crisis and social isolation we need each other, and we need God. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy, pray for each other, and have some “digital fellowship” while staying home and staying safe.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/823911975> Meeting ID: 823 911 975

Worship Location Schedule

– August 2, 16, 23, 30, Sept 6, 20 - [1 Shipyard Ln., Milford, CT 06460 \(Fowler Field Pavilion\)](#)

– August 9 and Sept. 13 & 27 - [165 Forest Rd, Milford, CT 06461](#)

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