

**Ascension Sunday
Morning Prayer Rite II**

Sunday, May 29, 2022



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Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you for joining us today on this Memorial Day weekend. As many of you are aware, Mother Allison has two sons who both serve in the United States Navy. This weekend Mother was invited to the Commissioning of the USS Oregon, SSN 793 where her oldest son, Connor has been assigned.

The submarine was built in Groton, Connecticut, where it was christened in the fall of 2019. It is the first submarine and only the second naval vessel ever named for Oregon. It has a crew of 140-persons. The vessel is 377 feet in length and 34 feet in diameter, and it weighs 7,800 tons. The submarine is capable of operating at a maximum depth of 800 feet and travel at a top speed of 25 knots. Its armament includes 12 Tomahawk missiles.

The submarine is powered by a highly efficient nuclear reactor that is so efficient the submarine will not need to be refueled during its life span, which is expected to be about 35 years. The submarine makes its own oxygen with an oxygen generator. The machine, via electrolysis, pulls oxygen out of water. There is also an oxygen “scrubber” that clears the submarine of gases, it literally produces its own environment and has the capacity to remain submerged indefinitely.

Lisa is joining Mother on this momentous occasion along with Daniel, their youngest son who was granted leave from Charleston. As military families know, it is a rare occasion to gather all of the family together in one place. Mother is very grateful for your understanding and support as she travels to be with her boys. Mother Allison will be back in time for community ceremonies on Monday.

Have a blessed and holy day!

PRELUDE *Let Freedom Ring* - J. Mansfield

OPENING HYMN *Jesus shall reign*

Hymnal 544

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

WELCOME

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The officiant alone says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand, place the sign of the cross upon your lips.

Officiant + Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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.

ANTIPHON

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.

INVITATORY

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM: Psalm 47

- ¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- ²For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- ³He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- ⁴He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- ⁸God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- ¹⁰The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with

them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle M (EOW): A Song of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us *

was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, *

the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *

so that we might have faith and hope in God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The people continue sitting.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

HYMN *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Hymnal 362

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

The people stand

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to his disciples,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Jane Carol Wilson, Deacon Intern

Silence may follow.

Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

**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 Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**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.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Officiant

FIRST COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

SECOND COLLECT

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRD COLLECT

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Congregation is invited to offer their prayers and Thanksgivings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *It is well with my soul* - John Ness Beck **Choir**

The Offertory plate is passed

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**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 our selves 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.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will
be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may
be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the
age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN *O beautiful for spacious skies*

Hymnal 719

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant

+ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

POSTLUDE *Duke Street - G. Sikes*

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Thank you for coming and worshipping with us today.

All are invited to stay for fellowship in the Parish Hall for coffee hour.

Deacon Intern: Jane Carol Wilson

Officiant: Jack Olthuis

Reader: Hilton Rodriguez

Organist: Kyle Sheppard

Today's altar flowers

are given in loving memory of Theresa and Raymond Proulx
by Janet Proulx

TONIGHT - 6 to 8 PM - Strawberry Festival

June 3rd - Wedding Rehearsal

June 4th - the wedding of Chelsea Schuster and Andrew Hickman

June 4th: NO Saturday Service.

June 5th - Baptism of Morrighan Aisling Langston

June 11th- 11 AM Celebration of Life Grace and Bill Repp

June 12th - 9 AM Service The Rev. Canon Joann Izzo

June 18th - 11 AM - 75th Anniversary Celebration of St. Barnabas by the Bay,
Villas

July - We are looking forward to the Science Explorers returning, Thursday's on the Lawn, and Saturday Evening Beach services.

12 Step Meetings in the Church Hall

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Monday at 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Tuesday at 8:00 pm

Alanon on Friday at 10:00 am

A seasonal additional Alanon meeting will be coming this summer on Tuesday
at 8:00 pm in the chapel

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR on our website for all activities taking place
throughout the week