

# St. BERNARD'S CHURCH

88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer



Eastertide 2022

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*Welcome to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church. Thank you for sharing in our worship today.  
Thank you to Chris Thomas, Warden, for officiating Morning Prayer this morning while Pastor Beth is away.*

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## PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 439

What wondrous love is this

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
- 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
sing, while millions join the theme I will sing.
- 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### THE INVITATORY

BCP p. 80

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
**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.**

### GLORIA S 280

Gloria in excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray. God of boundless grace, you call us to drink freely of the well of life and  
to share the love of your holy being. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus

Christ, our Savior, transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save. We ask this in Christ's name and for his sake. **Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR MEMORIAL DAY** (*A Thanksgiving for Heroic Service*)

BCP p. 839

*Officiant* O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 16:16-34

*Al Hudgins in church*

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met an enslaved girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 97**

*sung by the soloist*

BCP pp. 726-727

1 *The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.*

2 *Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.*

3 *A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.*

4 *His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.*

5 *The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.*

6 *The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.*

7 *Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!*

*Bow down before him, all you gods.*

- 8 *Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.*  
 9 *For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.*  
 10 *The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints  
 and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*  
 11 *Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.*  
 12 *Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.*

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*Beth Gustafson in church*

*Lector* A Reading from the Revelation to John.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand for the hymn and are seated following it.*

**GRADUAL HYMN 603**

When Christ was lifted from the earth

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| <p>1 When Christ was lifted from the earth,<br/>         his arms stretched out above<br/>         through every culture, every birth,<br/>         to draw an answering love.</p> | <p>2 Still east and west his love extends<br/>         and always, near or far,<br/>         he calls and claims us as his friends<br/>         and loves us as we are.</p> |
| <p>3 Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free<br/>         to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.</p>  |   |

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 17:20-26

*John Smith in church*

*Lector* A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

"An In-Between Place," sermon by the Rev. Kirk Alan Kubicek,  
 from Sermons that Work (The Episcopal Church)

## EASTERTIDE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*John Smith in church*  
from Common Worship, Church of England

- Leader* We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.  
Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People* **In your mercy, hear us.**
- Leader* Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People* **In your mercy, hear us.**
- Leader* Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way.  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People* **In your mercy, hear us.**
- Leader* Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.  
We pray for those on our Prayer List: (*read names*).  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People* **In your mercy, hear us.**
- Leader* Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. We pray for all who have died. Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,
- People* **In your mercy, hear us, / accept our prayers, / and be with us always. Amen.**

### **COLLECT** *from Bishops United Against Gun Violence and the Episcopal Public Policy Network*

*Officiant* Let us pray. O God who Remembers, we hold before you all who have died from the plague of gun violence in our land. We remember those who have taken their lives with a gun, those who have died in school shootings and mass shootings, those who have died by a gun in the course of an argument or from abuse or by accident or during the commission of a crime. We lift our voices in sorrow and frustration knowing that every life is infinitely valuable to you. Receive all who have died into the arms of your mercy, bless those who mourn with the hope of eternal life, and strengthen our hearts and our arms to bring an end to this scourge. This we pray in the name of the one who overcame the power of death, your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

BCP p. 120

**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 LORD'S PRAYER**

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- Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*During the Offertory Solo an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.*

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

Hear the thunder

by Stephen Pearson

*Hear, hear the thunder, as the lightning slaps the sky!  
See the earth tremble at the power of God on High!*

*The heavens themselves proclaim Your righteousness, O Lord! The people behold Your glory!  
You shed Your light upon the righteous and true. God – the people rejoice in Thee!*

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE**

BCP p. 100

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR MISSION**

BCP p. 101

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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE GREAT "I AM" STATEMENTS** *from the Gospel of John*

*Celtic Worship Through the Year p. 5*

*Leader* Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

*People* **Your light drives out the darkness.**

*Leader* I am the way, the truth, and the life.

*People* **Your way has brought true hope.**

*Leader* I am the resurrection and the life.

*People* **You broke the power of death.**

*Leader* I am the bread of life.

*People* **You feed and fill the hungry.**

*Leader* I am the true vine.

*People* **Your life becomes our life.**

*Leader* I am the good shepherd.

*People* **You guide and lead us on.**

*Beth Gustafson in church*

**THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE**

*Officiant* We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in Christ’s peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 494** Crown him with many crowns

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| <p>1 Crown him with many crowns,<br/>the Lamb upon his throne;<br/>Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns<br/>all music but its own;<br/>awake, my soul, and sing<br/>of him who died for thee,<br/>and hail him as thy matchless King<br/>through all eternity.</p>             | <p>2 Crown him the Son of God<br/>before the worlds began,<br/>and ye, who tread where he hath trod,<br/>crown him the Son of man;<br/>who every grief hath known<br/>that wrings the human breast,<br/>and takes and bears them for his own,<br/>that all in him may rest.</p>            |
| <p>3 Crown him the Lord of life,<br/>who triumphed o’er the grave,<br/>and rose victorious in the strife<br/>for those he came to save;<br/>his glories now we sing<br/>who died, and rose on high,<br/>who died, eternal life to bring,<br/>and lives that death may die.</p> | <p>4 Crown him of lords the Lord,<br/>who over all doth reign,<br/>who once on earth, the incarnate Word,<br/>for ransomed sinners slain,<br/>now lives in realms of light,<br/>where saints with angels sing<br/>their songs before him day and night,<br/>their God, Redeemer, King.</p> |
- 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

**POSTLUDE**

<b>ASSISTING TODAY AT OUR SERVICE</b>		<b>ST. BERNARD’S WARDENS AND VESTRY</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Chris Thomas, Warden	Christopher Thomas, Paul Edwards, <i>Wardens</i>
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Martin Sedek	Michael Myers, <i>Treasurer</i> ; Linda Engleby, <i>Clerk</i>
<i>Soloist</i>	Jason Robinette	Thomas Brooks, Zach Conway, Linda Engleby,
<i>Lectors</i>	Al Hudgins, Beth Gustafson, John Smith	Anne Fritts, Beth Gustafson, Taylor Hwong,
<i>Usher</i>	Sue Smith	Mary Kempen, Jennifer Moss, Michael Myers, Sue Smith

**The Rev. Deacon Danielle Baker’s**  
**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**  
 Tuesday, June 14, at 7 pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
 29 Hillview Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950

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