**The day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**

May 31, 2020; 10:00 a.m.

Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families; Morning Prayer

**THE EASTER ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**FROM PSALM 51** *BCP p. 137*

Open my lips, O Lord,
    and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
    and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
    and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
    and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. ***Amen***.

**A READING FROM JOHN 20:19-23**

**To Believe**

**19-20**Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he showed them his hands and side.

**20-21**The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.”

**22-23**Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

 ***People:*** ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**THE HOMILY** *Cheryl Smith, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

*(A period of silence may follow.)*

**THE HAND PRAYER
I love you, God (1-praise)
I’m sorry, God (2-confession)
I thank you, God (3-thanksgiving)
Help others, God (4-intercession)
Help me, God (5-petition)
I’m listening, God (6-meditation)
Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER *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.***

**THE COLLECT** *BCP p. 137*Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

**THE BLESSING**

Deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.

Peace in your body, peace in your mind, peace in your spirit.

As you breathe in deeply, breathe in peace.

May the worries in your mind seem far away.

May you know God’s love for you, and your family’s love too.

Deep, deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.

*(Excerpt from Prayers for Faithful Families by Traci Smith)*