



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 21, 2023 • 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals located in the pews. Mask-wearing during worship is optional.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

OPENING HYMN • 214

Hail the day that seems him rise verses 1,2,4

Llanfair

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exsurgat Deus*

(Read responsively)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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SEQUENCE HYMN

O Christ, when you ascended (by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; see separate sheet)

Lancashire

THE GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sharon Sheridan Hausman

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray now for our own needs and the needs of others.

God of all, bless your universal Church, and especially our presiding bishop, Michael, our own bishop, Carlye, the members of our diocese and those who worship with us today. Fill us with the hope and promise of the resurrection and help us to spread your Good News of new life.

God of Resurrection,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation in using their authority wisely and seeking the common good. We especially pray for the leaders of Ukraine, Russia and Sudan, and of all countries facing war or political upheaval.

God of Wisdom,
Hear our prayer.

Help us to be good stewards of the air, water and earth around us and all their inhabitants, that all may share in their bounty and sustenance.

Creator of All,
Hear our prayer.

Provide for your children throughout the world. Help all obtain the resources they need to nourish their bodies, minds and souls to live the abundant lives you have prepared for them.

Champion of the Poor,
Hear our prayer.

Protect all people suffering from violence or oppression. Aid the victims of natural disasters. Comfort those who live in fear or loneliness. Bless prisoners and their families. Heal those who are sick, those suffering from addictions, and those dear to our congregation, especially Carl, John, Joan P. and Bill.

Eternal Healer,
Hear our prayer.

Bring all who have died into your heavenly mansion. Comfort those who grieve their loss, even as we rejoice at their rebirth into your eternal life.

Lord of Life,
Hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, the families and friends you have given us to love, and the healing and new opportunities you offer to us.

God of Abundance,
Hear our prayer.

Please feel free to offer your own petitions and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY HYMN • 408

Sing praise to God

Mit Freuden zart

PRESENTATION HYMN • 618

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever.

GREAT AMEN

McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover

Susan Calvin Fletcher (b. 1940)

All who are worshipping with us remotely are invited to say this prayer:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN • 302

Father we thank thee

Rendez a Dieu

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of God's Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God, the holy and undivided Trinity, be with you and those you love now and forevermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN • 215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

In Babilone

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth and serve the risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Leading and supporting our worship today

The Sharon Sheridan Hausman *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine, Sr. *Deacon*

Mr. Kevin Bidwell *Server*

Ms. Allyson Doherty *Lector*

Ms. Ellen Bomser, Ms. Michelle Capobianco Riegel, Ms. Kathy Cascone,

Ms. Sandra Lee Schubert *Choir*

Mr. Christian Carozza *Visiting Organist*