The Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite II May 16, 2021 at 10:00am



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Prelude



OPENING ACCLAMATION (please stand)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. People 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*.

GLORIA



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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 FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:15-17,21-26 (please be seated for the readings)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

People The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 1 (read responsively)

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 5: 9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PropleThanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMNPraise the Lord through every nation**PAGE 12**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 17: 6-19 (please remain standing)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT MACDOUGALL

THE NICENE CREED (please stand)

We believe in one God,

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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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (pause) 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Luke's, Mt. Joy, and St. John's, Bellefonte. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Chile. Let us pray to the Lord. *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight*.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Geta, Emily Lavender, Garth Alexander, Chase, Tom Hemler, Angelica, and Jason Wilhelm. *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* And also with you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

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Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a devotional that anyone can pray to express their desire to receive Communion, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the sacrament.

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

THE CLOSING HYMNHail, thou once despised JesusPAGE 13

GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I (In-Person)
9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Zoom) Holy Eucharist: Rite II (In-Person and Online)
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Monday, May 17

5:15 p.m.

Daughters of the King Meeting (Courtyard)

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Martha's Ministry (Knitters)
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
5:00 p.m.	VH Dance (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 12:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 20

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room) NA: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)

FOOD PANTRY -

Thank you for your support of our food pantry ministry. Your donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. We are currently in need of toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, diapers, etc.) and rice (in 1 lb. and 2 lb. bags). Please leave items on the back porch of Becker House.



The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Walter M. Hawes and Helen Y. Moyer by Molly Moyer.

PRAISE THE LORD THROUGH EVERY NATION



HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS!



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Pentecost Celebration

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Join us for a festive celebration as we give thanks for our graduates, Sunday School teachers, and the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Don't forget to wear RED!!!

Parish Meeting regarding Concord Street properties May 23 at 11:00 am



We will be holding an open meeting on Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall for everyone interesting in the future use of our Concord Street properties. In addition, we will have a Zoom link available for those unable to be physically present. The plan is to have a 30-minute presentation on the properties, and then 30 minutes for questions and discussion.

The hope is that after this meeting, and further discussion and discernment within the Vestry, we will decide the future use of these properties at our upcoming Vestry meetings.

More Upcoming Events:

WOMEN'S GATHERING—SUNDAY, MAY 23

On Sunday, May 23rd, we would like to meet in person at Long's Park (Weather permitting!) We will meet at the picnic tables across from the amphitheater at 1:00 pm. Bring your chairs, blankets, or whatever you want for hanging out. Feel free to bring your lunch and picnic at the park. We hope to see many of you in person for some long needed catching up in person! For more information, please contact Karen DiPace.



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