

Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 11 and 12, 2024

9:30 am

The Prelude *Adagio in C Major*

W.A. Mozart

The Processional Hymn *Hail, the day that sees him rise*

The Hymnal 1982, 214

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

The Gloria *said at 5pm, sung at 9:30*

The 1982 Hymnal, S 280

**Glorify God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

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

In this reading of the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the selection of Matthias to take Judas' place as one of the twelve apostles. Peter perceives that it is prophesied that another should replace Judas, and lots are cast to select between two men who had been among the larger band of Jesus' followers.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 1 *We will read the Psalm responsively, breaking at the half-verse.*

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!**

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

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.

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

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

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

In this lection disciples are to have confidence their prayers are heard. It is through the Son they have eternal life. Those who trust in Jesus as the Son of God realize this testimony within their own hearts. Refusal to accept this witness means to lose the possibility of true life.

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.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Hymn *Humbly I adore Thee*

The Hymnal 1982, 314

The Gospel *all standing, as able*

John 17:6-19

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.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship I

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

The Book of Common Prayer, page 387

Gracious God, 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;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our bishops Alan and Carol, for our rector Alan 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.

We remember those on our prayer list: list: Mary, Christy, Brian, Steve, Charlie, Ryan, John, Gary, Kristen, Bruce, Laurel, Luke and Greg. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
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.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary, and for all mothers, by Mary and Kevin Ames.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the churches of the Concord River Deanery: St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School (Southborough), St. Elizabeth's Church (Sudbury), St. Peter's Church (Weston), and the Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

Concluding Collects

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *With a Voice of Singing*

Martin F. Show

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*



The Great Thanksgiving -- *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Book of Common Prayer, page 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface 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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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 Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, 151

This setting is not used in Lent.

Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: From *Missa orbis factor*; Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray. If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.

If you prefer to receive a blessing you may cross your arms across your chest.

If you would like to remain in your seat and receive communion, please let an usher know.

The Communion Hymns *Together, together*

Wonder, Love and Praise, 796

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

Welcome & Announcements

The Closing Hymn *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

The Hymnal 1982, 495

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude *Organ Voluntary*

Liturgical note: The Confession may be omitted during the Easter Season.

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: **The Rev. Alan R. Hesse**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: **Jan Greene**(5pm); **Anne Miller**(9:30am)

Lectors: **Mary Ames**(5pm); **Anne Miller**(9:30am)

Crucifer: **Stevie Wood**

Musicians: **Misao Koyama** and Choir

Altar Guild: **Melissa Abbott, Jann Czarnetzki, and Judy Cohen**

Ushers: **Mary Howe** and **Judy Cohen**

Sunday School: **Will Hibbard** and **Spencer Knowles**

Hospitality: **Celia Bailey-Ochoa, Mary Howe, and Mary Ellen Ricketts**

Please join us for coffee hour following the 9:30 service!
Someone can show you the way. Welcome!!!

Announcements

Thank you to each and every one who contributed to the delicious brunch we enjoyed on Sunday, May 5th. Fr. Al celebrated his birthday on May 3rd and there were so many goodies and great dishes to eat, including a birthday cake.

Mary Howe thanks everyone who brought eclipse glasses! She has mailed 200 pair, plus 2 camera lens filters to Astronomers without Borders. If you have more, please keep bringing them in.

Sunday School Children's Choir will rehearse after coffee hour on May 12, 19, and June 2.

Please plan to attend a free **choral concert** featuring the Rev. **Barbara Peterson** and **Molly & Eileen Donaruma** on **Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Osterville**. The trio are part of The Musik Studio's Encore Singers. Then, individual members and small groups from the chorus will be singing various solos, Barbara and Molly included. **Please plan to attend!**

Our Creative Sundays group will meet in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 19th for crafting. Bring your own project and join us, or participate with us in making decoupaged tiles.

The Diocese of Massachusetts has one remaining "Meet and Greet" to give the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th Bishop Diocesan.

To learn more about each candidate, visit www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees.

The remaining meet-and-greet gathering is:

- Saturday, May 11 on Zoom, 10:30 am-noon (with special Zoom rooms for youth and young adults).

Information about Zoom access and other details will be posted at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets.

All in the diocesan community are invited to attend, particularly those who are voting members of the to be held on Saturday, May 18 at Trinity Church in Boston.

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Saturday, May 11

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 12

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist

9:30am Sunday School in the Undercroft

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Children's Choir practice after coffee, in the Church

Monday, May 13

10am Al-Anon, the Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 14

11am AA, the Parish Hall

5pm – Vestry (note change of time)

Wednesday, May 15

7pm - Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, May 16

12noon, AA- Discussion Group, the Parish Hall

6pm, AA, the Undercroft of the Church

Friday, May 17

No scheduled activities

Saturday, May 18

9:30-10:30am AA, the Parish Hall

5pm **Evening Prayer** - Fr. Al will be voting for the next Bishop.

Sunday, May 19 - PENTECOST

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist,

9:30am Sunday School in the Undercroft

Coffee Hour following service in the Parish Hall

Children's Choir Rehearsal, in the church

11:30am – Creative Sundays in the Parish Hall

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

Pentecost!

Next Sunday, May 19th we are celebrating Pentecost. Shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching.

If you have the ability to speak and read in another language, please let Fr. Alan know so we can incorporate readings read in English and another language.

As a sign of the Holy Spirit, in celebration of Pentecost, you are invited to wear something red next Sunday.

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