

# Holy Eucharist

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after the Ascension**

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 10am

## Liturgy of the Word

**Opening Voluntary**

Cn. Jeffrey H. Rickard, organ

**Entrance Rite**

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

**Opening Hymn**

*Crown him with many crowns*

Hymnal 494

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*People* Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!  
The Lord with the sound of a Trumpet. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

*The following is sung, all standing*

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.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          And also with you.  
*Celebrant*      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.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 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.

## Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

A Reading from the First letter of John.

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.

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

## **Sequence**

*All stand.*

*The Lord ascendeth up on high*

Hymnal 219

## **Holy Gospel**

John 17:6-19

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples saying, “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.”

*Gospeller*       The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.

## Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

Friends, happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked. Forgiven and sanctified, let us pray, Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

Christ Jesus, your prayer for your Church is that we may be one as you and the Father are one; sanctify us in your Truth and send us into the world as witnesses to your resurrection. Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

O Lord, you know the way of the righteous; rescue and correct all those who walk in the ways of the wicked. Delight the hearts of your children with your perfect law. Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

Creator God, bless the fruit-bearing trees; bless the streams. Give us eyes to see clearly the wonders of your universe. Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

Loving Jesus, you guard and protect your own; bless those who, following in your ways, protect and care for society's most vulnerable members, especially children. Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

King of Glory, do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us; comfort and heal all those in peril or need time to heal. Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

O God, you have given us eternal life and this life is in your Son, Jesus; may we, with those who have died, enjoy our life with you now and forever. Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

Loving Parent, give grace and wisdom to the Episcopal Church and its leadership, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop John, our Suffragan Bishop Diane; for our church and its leadership: our clergy, our wardens and vestry. Lord, you know everyone's heart,  
***Show us your will.***

*All remain standing.*

### *A Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality*

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *For the Oppressed*

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *The Celebrant concludes with the following collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence.*

### *Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## Peace

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because  
you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their  
being. *Revelation 4:11*

## Offertory Solo

Diane Jennings, soprano

*Lord, at All Times I Will Bless You*

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847  
From *Lauda Sion*  
ed., K. Lee Scott

Lord, at all times I will bless you,  
and in songs of praise confess you,  
yes, my heart shall sing your grace.  
Let the godly gather near me,  
let the humble gladly hear me;  
come exalt the Lord with me.  
When the poor for help were crying,  
and in trouble they were sighing;  
God in mercy heard their cry.

*William Bartholomew, 1793 – 1867*

Come now, children, mark my teaching,  
at God's throne for help beseeching,  
let us learn the fear of God.  
Angels of the Lord protect us,  
in the paths of peace direct us;  
taste and see the Lord is good.  
God is ever near the grieving,  
and their humble hearts relieving,  
granting joy and peace at last.

*Based on Psalm 34; alt., K. Lee Scott*

## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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:

### Sanctus

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The prayer of Spiritual Communion is for use by those who are viewing online.*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Communion Solo

Diane Jennings, soprano

### *In Bright Mansions Above*

Traditional Spiritual  
setting by K. Lee Scott

*In bright mansions above,  
In bright mansions above,  
Lord, I want to live up yonder  
In bright mansions above.*

My mother's gone to Glory,  
I want to go there too,  
Lord, I want to live up yonder  
In bright mansions above.  
*Refrain*

My father's gone to Glory,  
I want go there too,  
Lord, I want to live up yonder  
In bright mansions above.  
*Refrain*

### *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

### *The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his 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 for ever. *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 the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **Postcommunion Hymn**

*See the Conqueror mounts in triumph*

Hymnal 215

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## **Dismissal**

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

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

## **Closing Voluntary**

Cn. Jeffrey H. Rickard, organ