

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:30 am

The people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Sung by cantor(s) and choir.

The Portland Psalter

- 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!

The Epistle

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

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

The Hymnal 1982 #214

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People **Glory to you, O 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

All stand as they are able.

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:
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.**

The Prayers of the People

The People respond to each petition saying, "Hear our prayer."

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to our Risen Lord.

That we may be filled with the joy and hope of your life-giving resurrection.
Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That all who are isolated or persecuted for their faith may find strength and confidence in the good news of Easter. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That we may embrace the humility of the cross and subject ourselves to one another in Christian love. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That we may see your face in every neighbor and respond to your call to provide for those who are homeless or hungry and all who lack life's necessities. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That by your power we may work to make war cease through all the world. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That the light of your presence may shine upon the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ... especially those we name now, silently or aloud ... Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to your promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, especially those we remember now, silently or aloud ...
Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Offertory *There Through Endless Ranks of Angels*

Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

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Doxology *all stand & sing,*

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v. 3

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant *People* *Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120*
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.

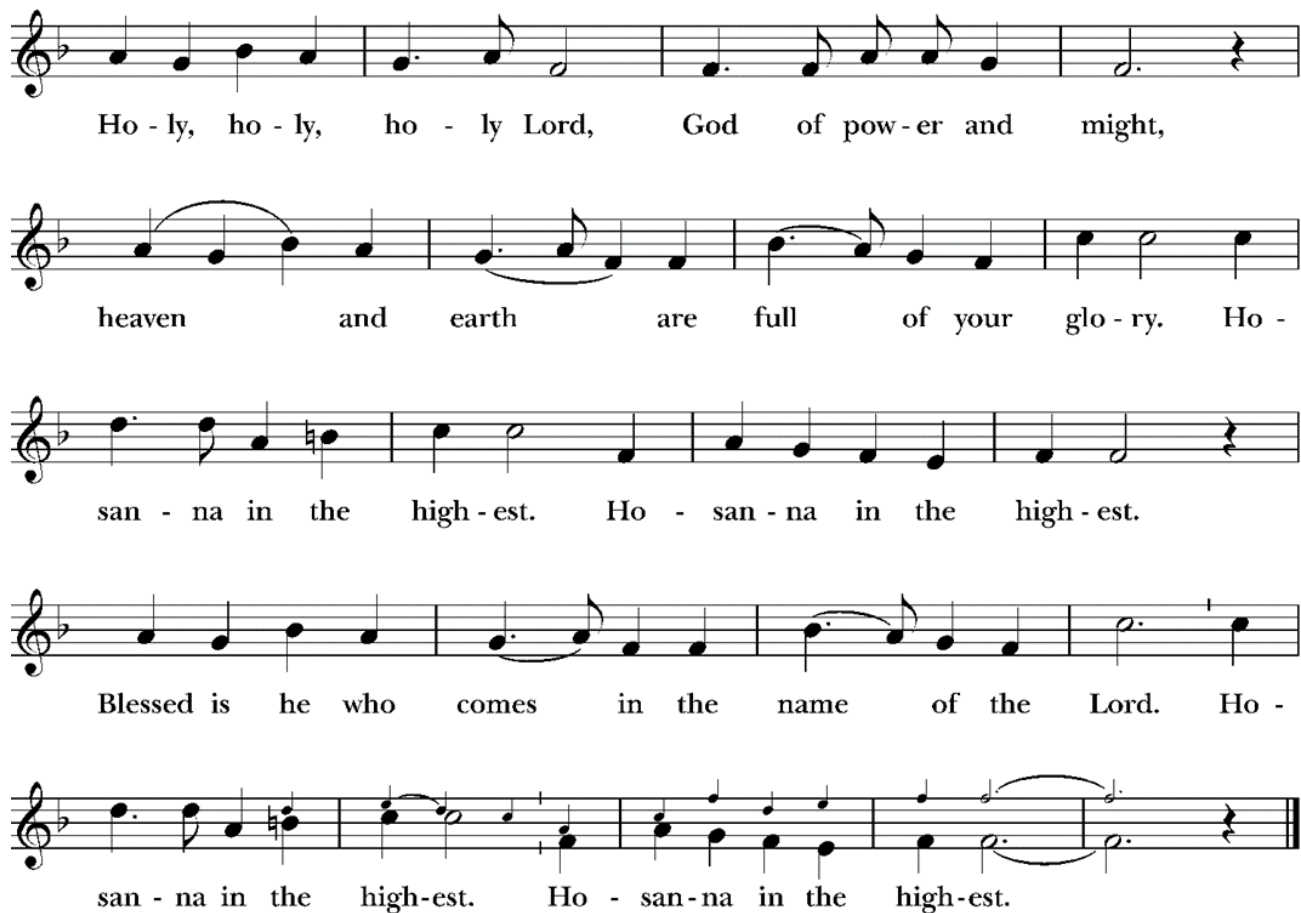
People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant,

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, The Hymnal 1982 #S -125



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

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,

**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.

People 
A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Hymnal 1982 #S -147

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

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

The Hymnal 1982 #S -154

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: "(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)". The second staff contains the second line: "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;". The third staff contains the third line: "there - fore let us keep the feast.". The fourth staff contains the fourth line: "(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Music

The Hymnal 1982 #460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

The Hymnal 1982 #315

Thou Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

After Communion, the Celebrant prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People,

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.

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are Being Sent,

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The Hymnal 1982 #216 (v. 1-4)

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

The Celebrant dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Robert Powell (1932-)

❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of Bertha Ostrander, Pearl Sanford & parents Joyce and Jack Schultz by the Hughes and Schultz families; And IN LOVING MEMORY of my husband Richard by Betty Thomas.

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant;

Julie Baglien, Director of Music and Organist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director

Barb Duke, 1st Reader; Melaina Magnusson, 2nd Reader & LEM

Zoë Magnusson, Intercessor

Dennis Marsh, LEM & Acolyte

Bob Duke, Kyle King & Jan Osborn, Ushers

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Announcements

- **Special Sundays:** Next Sunday is Pentecost! Don't forget to wear red on Sunday, May 28th, and be sure to join us the following Sunday June 4th for Trinity Sunday, when guest musicians join our St. Paul's Choir and Handbell Choir for their last Sunday of the season, and we celebrate a wonderful year of music!
- **Please help the Mission and Outreach team and ECW collect items for the Jackson Baby Pantry during May.** Items needed are new or used baby clothes, baby blankets, baby wipes, powdered formula, and size 6 diapers (only that size, please).
- Come and support the great work in our community by "Save Our Youth, Jackson" by attending the second annual **Save Our Youth Music Recital here at St. Paul's in Holy Spirit Hall on Saturday June 3rd at 12:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served after.

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