

# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

May 21, 2023  
Year A

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*(You are invited into silence to prepare for worship)*

Prelude

Hymn      *Crown him with many crowns*      494, Hymnal

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.      BCP, 355

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

*The Collect:* **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**

8:00 am      Gloria      BCP, 356

10:00 am      Gloria      *Yellow Pew Card*

Collect of the Day

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.**

*An introduction: This passage from Acts tells the story of the last time the disciples see Jesus. He promises the Holy Spirit and disappears from their sight. Then, as he has instructed them, they await the Spirit and devote themselves to prayer.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [1:6-14]

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, “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 God 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, “People 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. **Response: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate Yahweh turn and flee.
- 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 God’s Name;  
exalt God who rides upon the heavens; \*  
Yahweh is God’s Name, rejoice before Yahweh!
- 5 Father and Mother of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in God’s 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 Yahweh rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
Yahweh sends forth God's voice, God's mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
Yahweh's majesty is over Israel;  
Yahweh's strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in God's holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to Yahweh's people!  
Blessed be God!

*An introduction: We now come to the closing verses of this letter to Christians who are suffering some form of persecution. The author tells them that to suffer for Christ is to be blessed, and that brothers and sisters around the world suffer with them, but God will always be with you.*

A Reading from the First letter of 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 God may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Yahweh, because God cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist evil, 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 God's eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever.

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

**Response: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (vs 1, & 2) 460, Hymnal

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [17:1-11]

**Response: 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, Abba God, 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. Abba God, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

**Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Hymn    *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*    (vs 3 & 4)    460, Hymnal

Sermon    The Rev. Curtis Metzger

*There may be a period of silence*

Prayers of the People    Form IV    BCP, 388

**Leader:**    Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**Leader:**    Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our bishop, for Bishop Dorsey, his wife Betsy and their ministry in the diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, and for all other clergy and laypersons. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. Barnabus’ Episcopal Church. In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. We offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always.    *Silence*

**Leader:**    Lord, in your mercy

**People:**    **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:**    Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.    *Silence*

**Leader:**    Lord, in your mercy

**People:**    **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,  
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others  
and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant  
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he  
loves us. *Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give  
them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of  
your salvation.

*Leader:* We pray for those on our parish prayer list, please join me if you  
would like, in saying their names: **George Ekwall, Rick Phillips,  
Shari Moore, Toni McGuire, Charlena McDufford, Andrew  
Rich, Reathel Bean, Kelly Dyan, Phil Harris & Elaine Cormier-  
Harris, Tony Garges, Stuart Hartford, Kate McCann, Gale  
Blauvelt, Christy Macaulay, Bruce & Bonnie Wight, Jane  
Hartwell, Ryan Harlin, Rodney Cook, Herb Little, Paul  
Donovan, Caroline Scalise, Virginia Lyman, Anna Hayden, Sue  
Wheeler, Larry Cormier, Amy & Julian, Xavi Lopez, Dorothea  
Williams, and Hank Cheney** and for those you name silently or  
aloud. *Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those who died

serving their country, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer.

*Prayer for the Search for our Next Rector*

V: Lord, you are our Shepherd.

**R: You guide us and revive our souls.**

V: You spread a table before us,

**R: That we may dwell in your house forever.**

Let us pray. *Silence*

**Gracious and loving God, giver of hope: embrace us and guide us in our search for our new rector. Open our hearts and minds.**

**Grant us courage to know what is best for our parish, not for ourselves alone.**

**Make straight the path for a godly, wise and prayerful priest to find us;**

**one who will inspire and shepherd us to a closer relationship with you,**

**that we may see your vision for the Church of the future and have the grace and power to get there. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

BCP, 360

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Peace

BCP, 360

Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

At the Presentation of our offering,

8:00 a.m. we say, **All things come of thee, O Lord.  
And of thine own have we given thee.**

10:00 a.m. we sing, *Ye watchers and ye holy ones (vs. 4)* 618, Hymnal  
**O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2      Enriching Our Worship  
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life

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**The Holy Eucharist II**

**Lift up your hearts**      *Sursum corda*

*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 him thanks and praise.

abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and



taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*Presider and People (sung at 10:00 a.m. Yellow Pew Card)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of

time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

Breaking of the bread

*Presider:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

The Invitation

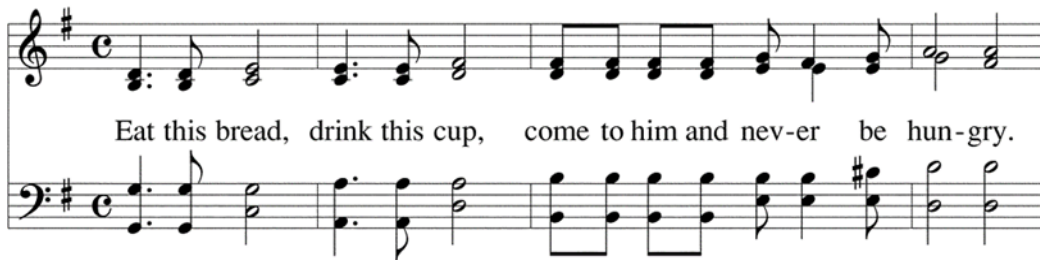
*All are welcome at God's holy table. If you wish to receive a blessing and not the bread, please come to the rail and cross your arms or ask. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask at the altar rail. If you brought your own bread or picked up a host container, you may consume the Host (bread) now. We are now offering the consecrated wine in small cups as well as the common cup (chalice) at the altar rail for any who would like to receive it. Take your time at the altar rail as you may need, and deposit the glass cup in the basin by the lectern on your way back to the pew.*

Hymns during Communion

*Eat this Bread*

Jim Roan, Cantor

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Prayer after Communion

BCP, 365

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

Closing Hymn

*Hail the day*

214, Hymnal

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia*

*You are invited to stay for the organ postlude or to go directly out for our coffee hour.*

Postlude

**WELCOME GUESTS!** Please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Room!

*Please remember to wear your name tag if you have one.*

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*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lois Peraino with many loving memories of her husband, Robert Peraino*



***Terry & Rebecca Hill-Larsen***



***Dottie Herbert, Danni Rodrigues, David Schaller,  
Doug Hartford, and Lois Peraino***

## PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY	Coffee Hour at 11:00 am
	9:10 am, Inquirer's Class on The Episcopal Church
	11:30 am, Choir Rehearsal
Tue., May 23rd	11:00 am, Centering Prayer
	5:00 pm, Dinner Bell, hosted by St. Rose of Lima
Wed., May 24th	6:00 pm, Transition Team
Thu., May 25th	11:00 am, Fred's Bible Study

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<b>Presider:</b> The Rev. Curtis Metzger	<b>Deacon:</b> Paul Higginson
<b>Readers:</b> 8:00 Paul Lister	10:00 Michael Claflin Alice Claflin
<b>Intercessor:</b> 8:00 Lisa Beausoleil	10:00 Olivia Garfield
<b>Chalicer:</b> 8:00 Lisa Beausoleil	10:00 Mary Sturtevant
<b>Acolyte:</b> Jennifer Carbonneau	
<b>Usher:</b> Terry Larsen	<b>Music:</b> Jim Roan, Organist
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Norma St. John & Kathy Cook	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> Terri Fillion & Sheelagh Higginson	

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*The Mission of All Saints' Episcopal Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ by practicing our Christian faith through prayer and acts of love and unconditional kindness.*