

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Trinity Episcopal Church
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Prelude: God Himself is Present

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Celebrant: Alleluia Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed Alleluia

HYMN 460 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Celebrant: 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: Recorded

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.

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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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

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

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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: 484 PRAISE THROUGH EVERY NATION

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

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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

LET US PRAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT, FOR THERE IS MUCH NEED AND WANT, AND WE, THE CHURCH, HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BE CHRIST'S BODY IN OUR WORLD TODAY.

PEOPLE: MAY WE BE CHRIST'S BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.

FOR THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHICH IS FRACTURED BY DIVISIONS WITHIN AND WITHOUT THAT WE MAY BE RENEWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FULFILL THE MISSION TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED, TO BE RECONCILERS/HEALERS IN HIS NAME TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS, PRAISE THE BLESSED TRINITY AND PROMOTE JUSTICE AMONG ALL.

PEOPLE: MAY WE BE CHRIST'S BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND THEIR LEADERS THAT THEY WILL PURSUE JUSTICE, PEACE AND HARMONY WITHIN THEIR NATIONS AND BETWEEN THE NATIONS ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS. WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN NATION THAT TOGETHER WE MAY END RACISM AND SEEK THE ORIGINAL UNITY YOU INTEND FOR ALL YOUR CHILDREN.

PEOPLE: MAY WE BE CHRIST'S BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO ARE IN NEED AND WANT ESPECIALLY THE POOR, IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEES WHO ARE FURTHER MARGINALIZED BECAUSE OF COVID AND HAVE LEAST ACCESS TO THE GOODS OF THIS LIFE.

PEOPLE: MAY WE BE CHRIST'S BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.

WE PRAY FOR WISDOM TO CARE FOR THE EARTH AND APPRECIATE THAT ALL OUR ACTIONS IMPACT THE DELICATE ECOSYSTEM FOR GOOD OR ILL.

PEOPLE: MAY WE BE CHRIST'S BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING, THOSE WHO HAVE ENTRUSTED THEMSELVES TO OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY REMEMBERING THE PEOPLE OF INDIA AS THEY ATTEMPT TO COPE WITH THE WIDE SPREAD EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC. FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. VINCENT'S WHO RECOVERY FROM THE NATURAL DISASTER OF VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

especially: Jules, Roger and Edith, Holly, Shahara, Robert Chapman, Merritt Randall, Jeanne and Pete and their family, John Gentile, Nils Blatz, Cheryl Bernard, Celia LaSala-Baldwin, Rich, Martha, Jean, Pat, Beverley, Barbara Rini, John Hopwood, Darlene, Fr. Steve, John Wilkens, Arthur, Jeff Baker, Charlotte Orrantia, Fatima, Marcus, Maria, Michele, Eva, Raajiv, Lucianne, Judy, Lucy, Gerjett Singh, Eleanor, Walter, Anna, Nancy, Louise, Barbara Wilson, Lawrence and Susan Schulz, David Kaye, Carol, Kara, Maynard Poole, Charles Nuels, Justin, Fr. Jeff and St. Peter's Episcopal Church Lewes Delaware, Fr. Glenworth Miles of St. George's church Brooklyn, Joyce, Mina, Erika, Lena

PEOPLE: MAY WE BE CHRIST'S BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.

Give to the departed eternal rest:

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

CELEBRANT: LOVING AND MERCIFUL GOD MERCIFULLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS SPOKEN AND UNSPOKEN ON BEHALF OF ALL THE WORLD, GRANT US THE GRACE TO SEE THE GOOD TO WHICH YOU CALL US AND THE STRENGTH TO DO YOUR WILL. WE ASK THIS IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN

The Celebrant Bids the Peace

Rite II Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

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:

(RECORDING) :

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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...**

Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia
(Fraction Anthem recorded)

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those at home are invited to feed on him with faith in a spiritual communion

A South African Spiritual Communion Prayer.

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer But hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes When, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

Post communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

**GO FORTH IN HOPE TO WHICH YOU ARE CALLED, REMEMBERING THE
GLORIOUS INHERITANCE YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED. USE IT
WISELY.**

Dismissal

**CELEBRANT: LET US GO FORTH IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,
ALLELUIA**

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

RECESSIONAL: 450 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

POSTLUDE: "LITTLE" PRELUDE IN G

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