

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.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



SAINT JAMES
Episcopal Church

Sunday, May 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Services.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024 | 8:00 am and 10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist

Opening Prayer

Processional.....Hymnal 214

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.....Hymnal S-280/BCP 356

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: Also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

The 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.*

Please be seated

The Lessons

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Our Psalm for today is Psalm 1. Let us read in unison beginning and ending with the refrain.

Refrain Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

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.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn (please stand as able).....Hymnal 467

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel.....John 17:6-19

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Nicene Creed.....BCP 358

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 Form III.....BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Glenda our bishop, Brian our assisting bishop, Rob our priest, and Judy our deacon.

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.

Have compassion on 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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

- The sign up sheet for lay ministry volunteers for May and June is available in Stough Hall. Please sign up to volunteer where you are able.

Offertory

Offertory Response..... *“All Things Come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.” Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus.....Hymnal S129/BCP 362

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.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 364

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem.....Hymnal S155/BCP 364

Communion Hymn 1.....Hymnal 328

Communion Hymn 2.....Hymnal 479

Post Communion Prayer.....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.*

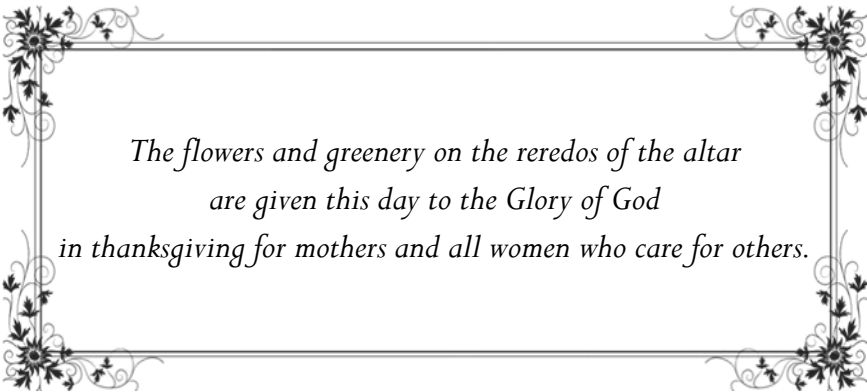
Blessing

Recessional.....Hymnal 477

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



*The flowers and greenery on the reredos of the altar
are given this day to the Glory of God
in thanksgiving for mothers and all women who care for others.*

St. James Prayer Requests

The following parishioners, friends and extended family members are remembered in our prayers.

Our Parish Family

Jim Bent	Janice Boone	Alyce Carlisle
Florence Copeland	Harry DeNegre	Faye Holliday
Susan Mange	Phyllis McAnally	Ann Regnier
Angie Smith	Jimbo Spencer	Sherwood Stewart
Judy Stone		

Family and Friends

Ann Phillips Arrington		Leslie Avel
Ruth Barbee	Joe Beard	Nan Beard
Lauren Cessna	Tommy Chance	Johndra Culp
Jerry Dickson	Bob Dixon	Jane Fenwick
Joe Fenwick	Derek Fox	Katy Gaddis
Brenda Gainey	Vicki Galamore	Emiko Garner
Mary Garner	Joe Gassenheimer	Susan Hammock
Terry Holt	David Klotz	Carolyn Keesee
Tom Lamberth	Buddy Looney	Dale Martin
Carolyn Nalls	Bud Nason	John Nichols
Jayne Ogilvie	Jim Peace	Joe Peel
Dana Poisal	Eric Reutebuch	Chris Sheheane
Carol Sims	Richard Smith	Mary Steindorff
Mary Taylor	Ann Grey Tate	Honey Trowbridge
Dot Vines	Nina Ware	Ronnie Weathers
Rusty White	Cyndi Wilson	Annette Worthy
Dave Young		

Please keep all of our military personnel in your prayers. Please pray for the following active military personnel.

Drew Belcher	Orrin Harbol	Seth Harbol
K.C. Hollon	Paul Krattiger	Ryan Sullivan
Bo Shippen Waldo	Andrew Walker	

We give thanks for the following parishioners and family members celebrating birthdays this week.

Scooter Copeland	Wayne Fuller	Dawn Davis
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In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Voices for Alabama's Children, YouthServe (Birmingham), GraceWorks (Birmingham), Sawyerville Commission and Day Camps, and Foothills Day Camp.

Throughout the Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Prayer for the Parish Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Rick Gassenheimer, Outreach

Jill Hiers, Kitchen

Harry DeNegre, Hospitality

Susan Mange, Treasurer

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Readers	Charlotte Bent & Diana French	Pat Bice & Carol Gowan
Intercessor	Sarah Sanders	Kristy Steele
Server	Joanna Roberson	Joe Smith & Carol Gowan
Oblations		TBD
Ushers		Bee Worpell & Rick Gassenheimer
Coffee Hosts		Jim & Marsha Bankston