



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 21, 2023 7:45 A.M.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and to all who worship with us this morning, and a special welcome to all our guests who join us today. We are delighted that you are here with us! If you are looking for a church home, you will be most welcome to join our church family in worshipping God and in our many ministries to each other and the world around us.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to receive a blessing: simply cross your arms over your chest.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex and will be provided by an usher upon request.

For your convenience and others around you, please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins. If you need to answer a call, please do so in the narthex.

Please call the clergy or the church office for any information or help we can provide. We invite you to fill out a green visitor card found in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.

At this time, masks are optional at our in-person worship services.

Today's service music and hymns are found in either the blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder, Love, and Praise songbook, located in the pew racks, unless otherwise noted.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

GLORIA

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.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.*

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 1:6-14

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 (*said in unison*)

BCP 676, 678-677

- 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!

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 17:1-11

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

People 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, 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. BAILEY NORMAN

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

BCP 383

- Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”
 For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Ashton, and Steve, our clergy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for the Human Family and for the Care of Children; in our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John’s, Deadwood, our sister parish; for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Church of the Province of West Indies, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For Joe, our President; for Bill, our Governor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Melanee Carow, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in assisted living and rehab: Roger Derby, Jo Ann Baker, and Mary Rhoades; for parish members: Jim Hilton; Frances Hodges; Marcia and Tom Illingworth, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad: Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Robert Graf, Jr., Reid Hartman, Seth Knazovich, Alex Mol, Thomas Stickle, and Kyle Zirkel, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People **To thee, O Lord our God..**

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The priest then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider 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

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.

The people stand or kneel, as they are able. Then the Presider 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.

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:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and maintains a moment of silence.

FRACTION

BCP 364

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

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

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.*

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Altar Flowers are given by Heather Hartman to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Patricia Bonney Hartman on the first anniversary of her passing.*

The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.

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