

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

12 May 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE I

Responses said by the congregation are high-lighted in bold print. The hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. The Service music is either printed in the bulletin or found in the front of the blue Hymnal.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

The people stand to sing

OPENING HYMN 690

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 1982

OPENING STATEMENT

Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

JUBILATE

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

and into his courts with praise; *

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.
Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSON

The people sit for

The First Reading: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

A reading from the Book of Acts.

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.**

THE SONG OF SIMEON
Luke 2:29-32

Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13

A Reading from the first Book of John.

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.**

A SONG OF CREATION
Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

I Invocation

**O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

**O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

IV The People of God

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *

O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;

**O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *

O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

**Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.**

1. God is so good, God is so good,
 2. He cares for me, He cares for me,
 3. He's all I need, He's all I need,

1. God is so good, He's so good to me.
 2. He cares for me, He's so good to me.
 3. He's all I need, He's so good to me.

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

The Gospel: *John 17:6-19*

A Reading from the gospel of John.

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us 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 people respond with the bolded verse

SUFFRAGE B

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

COLLECT

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POEM

My Angel

*Breana D. Greathouse
reader, Teena Baldrige*

“My angel is a woman who walks upon the earth,
she shows me my potential and all that I am worth.

When I am sick she heals me and makes me feel all-better,
and makes sure that in times of need that we are all together.

When we get into all kinds of fusses in our life,
my angel comes out strong as a mother and a wife.

My angel has raised me to be good and kind,
and makes sure that I have a strong and intelligent mind,
my angel is my guardian. my teacher and my friend, but most of all my
mother til the very end.”

HYMN 691

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymnal 1982

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR HEALING

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from the bodies of Your children all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your holiness and the power of Your Spirit to touch and heal:

Trish, Praise for Lindsay, Jim, Mary, David and Molly, Keith and Anna, Dionni, Ezekial, Helen, the Clark family, Felix and his family, Samuel and his family, Seth, for God’s blessing, guidance, protection, and healing from any physical or mental stress over all first responders, medical personnel, and men and women serving in our military. We also pray for blessings upon St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church.

Take away their suffering, illness and pain and may they be banished, and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed and your holy provisions provided, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OFFERING MUSIC

At the Presentation

The people stand for the Doxology

DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *(verse 3)*

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

At receipt of offering plate

Officiant All that we have is Thine O Lord.

People **And, of Thine own have we given Thee.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



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