

Holy Eucharist

The Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. — May 12, 2024
Rite II

Welcome

We welcome you to St. James this morning and are delighted you are here. Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Centennial Hall, located directly below the church. **The Service** is outlined from the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). **The Music** is found in the *Hymnal 1982*.

During the Voluntary we invite you to a time of quiet reflection and prayer as you prepare for the service.

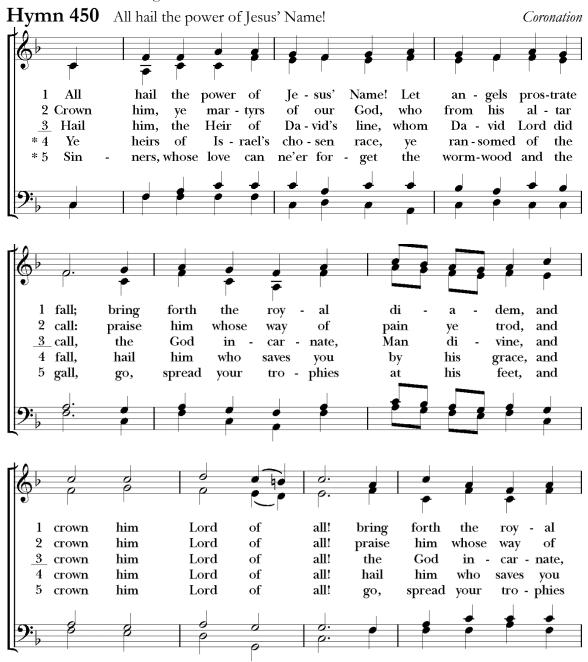
Voluntary Ave Maria

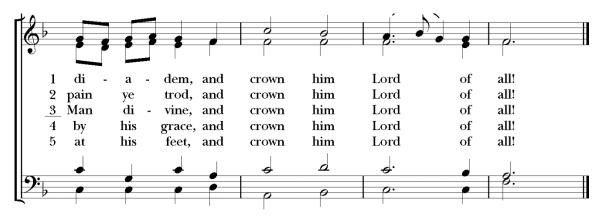
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

St. James Ringers Sara Newman, soprano

The Word of God

Please stand as able and sing





6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

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.**

All sing.

Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum

Ralph Vaughan Williams, WLP 880

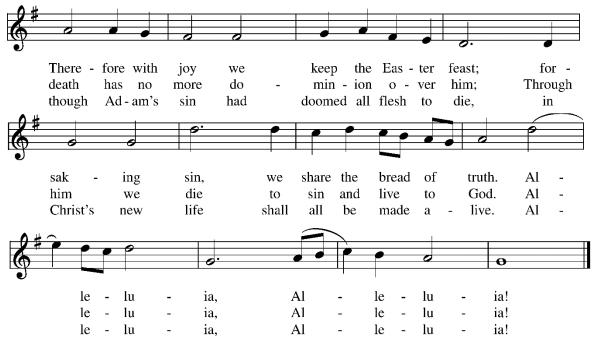


- 1. God's Pas chal Lamb
- 2. Now Christ is raised
- 3. In Christ we see

is sac - ri - ficed for us;

and will not die a - gain;

the first fruits of the dead:



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 226

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.**

The First Lesson 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 usone 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 choir sings the psalm.

Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

Anglican Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

- 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.

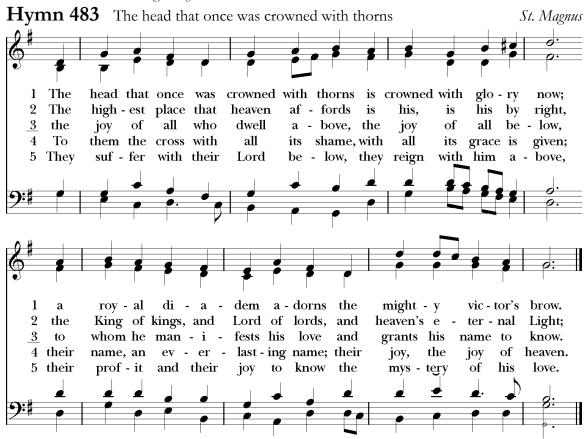
The Second Lesson

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.**



6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Music: St. Magnus, melody from Divine Companion, 1707; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.)

The Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Josh Hoover

The Nicene Creed

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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 be came down from heaven:

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

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us gather in the presence of the living God and pray.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church, Lord, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Bonnie, our Bishop. We pray for partner churches who are celebrating and living in your resurrection, especially, Trinity Church in St. Clair Shores and St. Peter's in Los Conucos, the Dominican Republic. And we pray for the people of St. James that the doubts of your church might be turned to faith, and all your people might share the good news of new life with the world.

We give you thanks for this wondrous creation, for the beauty and mystery of the world you have made. Give us the wisdom and strength to protect the world, and use our creative potential that it may be maintained and made more beautiful for generations to come.

For Joe, our president and the leaders of all the nations, especially Ukraine, Gaza, Israel and all others facing war, that you would guide them with your wisdom and instill in them the courage to serve the way of justice and peace for all people, and make them signs of hope for all in need.

For those who suffer from illness, for those who are in need and those who are bereaved, especially Penny; Anne; Tom; Michael; Quenten; Bev; Jane; Michael; Anita; Mary; Rich; Daniel; Cynthia; Sue M.; Linda; Patti; Julian; Andy; Claire; Joe; Betsy; that your healing power would be with them and your love encompass them, so that they might find in you a source of comfort and peace.

For the women of this congregation and for mothers everywhere, for all those who have been like a mother and for those who struggle on this day because of strained relationships or barrenness; may your Holy Spirit that broods over the world like a hen over its chicks heal us from hurt, and bless us with the inspired example of all those who have reflected God's love onto us.

For those who have died, that they may find their true home in your kingdom where there is no sorrow, suffering or sighing, but only fullness of life.

You said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory is a time when we offer back to God some of what God gives to us. God gives us wheat and grapes and, through our labor, we turn them into bread and wine.

God gives us bodies and minds, and we use these in our life and labor to earn our daily bread. When we give a portion of our income back to God, God blesses it, and returns it to us as services provided by the church, in outreach to those in need, and in lives changed by God's spirit.

The choir sings the anthem.

Anthem

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Alleluia. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia. Christ hath ascended up on high and hath led captivity captive. Alleluia. Go ye forth into all the world, and preach the Gospel. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with a voice of triumph! For the Lord most high is terrible. He is a great King over all the earth. Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

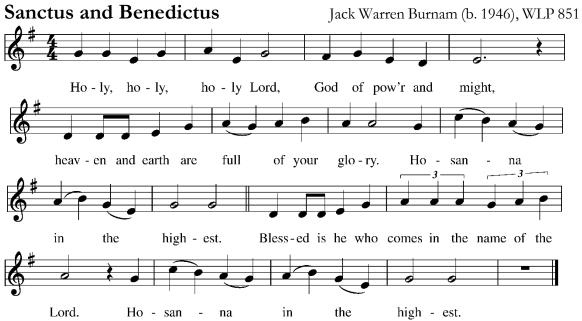
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:





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The people stand or kneel as able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James, the ever blessed Virgin Mary, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

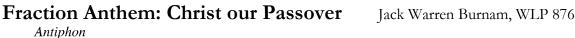
The Lord's Prayer

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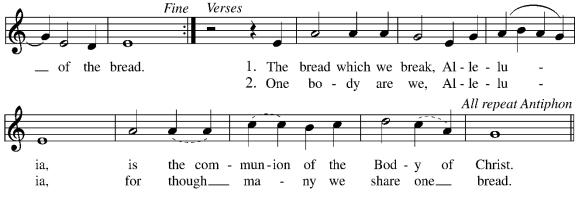
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. Then, all remain kneeling or standing for the Fraction Anthem.







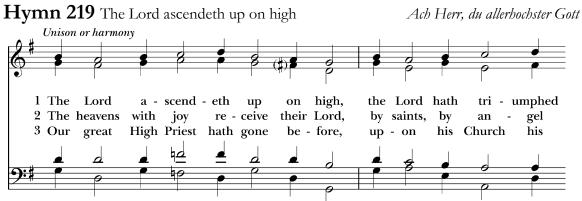
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Invitation to Communion

Presider These are 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.

All are invited to God's table. The response after receiving communion is AMEN. Gluten-free bread is available. If you choose not to receive communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing both arms over your chest. If you have not yet been baptized, we encourage you to speak to the Clergy.

All sing the hymn.





Words: Arthur T. Russell (1806-1874), alt. Music: Ach Herr, du allerhöchster Gott, Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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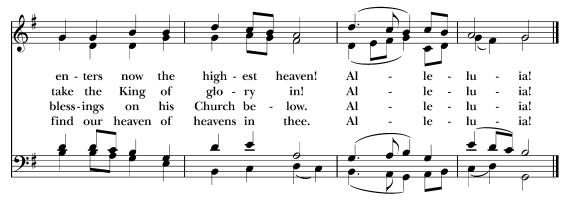
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

People Amen.

All sing.





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Voluntary Postlude on St. Magnus

Charles Callahan (b.1951)

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Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. in person 10:00 a.m. in person and on $\underline{\text{Facebook}}$ and our $\underline{\text{Website}}$ and via $\underline{\text{Zoom}}$

Weekdays Compline 7:50 p.m. on Zoom

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