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## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### HOLY EUCHARIST

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Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 12, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.

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*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals in the pews. Mask wearing is optional.*

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### PRELUDE

### HYMN • 436

*Truro*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**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.**

### HYMN • 880 *(green hymnal)*

*Sine Nomine*

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us

### THE COLLECT

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 BOOK OF ACTS

*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.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 1** (*Read responsively*)

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.**

**A READING FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> LETTER OF JOHN**

*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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**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN • 593**

*Dickinson College*

Lord make us servants of your peace

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 17:6-19*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

**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.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Sr. Eleanor Francis*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 now for our own needs and the needs of others.

God of all, bless your universal Church, and especially our presiding bishop, Michael, our own bishop, Carlye, the members of our diocese and those who worship with us today. Fill us with the hope and promise of the resurrection and help us to spread your Good News of new life.

God of Resurrection,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of this and every nation in using their authority wisely and seeking the common good. We especially pray for the leaders of Ukraine and Russia, of Gaza and Israel, and of all countries facing war or political upheaval.

God of Wisdom,

**Hear our prayer.**

Help us to be good caretakers of the air, water and earth around us and all their inhabitants, that all may share in their bounty and sustenance.

Creator of All,

**Hear our prayer.**

Provide for your children throughout the world. Help all obtain the resources they need to nourish their bodies, minds and souls to live the abundant lives you have prepared for them.

Champion of the Poor,

**Hear our prayer.**

Protect all people suffering from violence or oppression, especially the victims of war and gun violence. Comfort those who live in fear or loneliness. Care for those affected by natural disasters. Heal those who are sick.

Eternal Healer,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bring all who have died into your heavenly mansion. Comfort those who grieve their loss, even as we rejoice at their rebirth into your eternal life.

Lord of Life,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, the families and friends you have given us to love, and the healing and new opportunities you offer to us.

God of Abundance,

**Hear our prayer.**

We invite you to offer your own petitions and thanksgivings, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

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## **HYMN • 655**

O Jesus, I have promised

*Summer*

## **PRESENTATION HYMN**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below,

Alleluia, alleluia,

Praise God above ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

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. In him, you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

### SANCTUS • S128

*by William Mathias*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 • S155

*by Gerald R. Near*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HYMN • 337

*Unde et memores*

And now, O Father

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.

## BLESSING

**HYMN • 450**

*Coronation*

All hail the power of Jesus' name

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth and serve the risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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