Holy Eucharist The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024 • 9:30am



Welcome!

We are glad you are with us today! It is our hope and prayer you will find our worship to be a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

The restroom is located in the Parish Hall, straight ahead of you as you depart the Sanctuary.

After worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

The Word of the Lord

Prelude

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High Processional Hymn Please stand as you are able. Hail the day that sees him rise The Hymnal 1982 #214 Hail the day that him Al 1 sees rise, _ le lu ia! _ 2 There the glo - rious Al lu ia! tri - umph waits: le *3 See! he lifts his hands а bove; Al le _ lu ia! --4 Lord be-yond our Al lu ia! mor - tal sight, le Al glo - rious his na - tive skies; lu ia! to le Al le lu ia! lift your heads, e ter - nal gates! _ -_ _ prints of Al See! he shows the love: le lu ia! raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al le lu ia! -_ _ Christ, a - while given, Al le - lu - ia! to mor tals Wide un - fold diant Al - lu - ia! the ra scene; le Hark! his gra - cious lips be stow, Al le - lu - ia! -_ there thy cloud -Al le - lu - ia! face un ed _ see, the high - est heaven! Al le lu ia! en - ters now take the King of glo - ry in! Al le lu _ ia! bless-ings his Church be low. Al le lu ia! on -_ find our heaven of heavens in thee. A1 le. hī ia! -

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! People

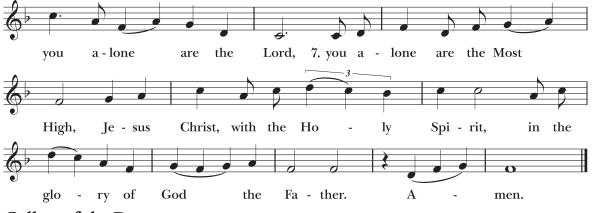
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The Collect for Purity

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.

People Amen.





Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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 First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Psalm 1 Said responsively by half verse.

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.

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

The Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Reader A reading from the first letter 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn



Holy Gospel

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell

Nicene Creed Please stand as you are able.

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.

The Prayers of the People

- *Reader* Today we thank God that the Christ who ascended is with us, visible in the lives of those around us. Let us pray for all people, and for the life of all creation, saying: O God, holding the world with love, have mercy on us.
- *Reader* O God, in the resurrection and ascension of your Son, you have drawn us nearer to yourself. May we be together with all the people of the world. O God, holding the world with love,
- People Have mercy on us.

Reader Circle all of the nations, towns, villages, tribes, and countrysides with your love. Encircle all people with your great arms. Encircle all lands with your Son's marks of mercy. O God, holding the world with love,

People Have mercy on us.

- *Reader* Transform your church with love. Transform people and communities, groups and governments. Cast out fear with love and fill us with the Spirit of your Son. O God, holding the world with love,
- People Have mercy on us.
- Reader Center all the scattered, and call them together with your love. Hold us together, or we will be lost. Awake us, or we will fall asleep in dangerous places. We pray for the lost and helpless, and for all who have asked for our prayers: Marion, Jeri, Amanda, Tony, Owen, Susan, Steffie, Ed, Devon, Matt, Maryann, John, Marjorie, Beverly, and Joanne. O God, holding the world with love,
- People Have mercy on us.
- *Reader* Fill all who have died, especially Rita Coppola and Lena Tocci, with your great love and with everlasting peace. O God, holding the world with love,
- People Have mercy on us.
- *Reader* I invite your own prayers either silently or aloud.
- Celebrant On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way — those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements and Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

All we have and all we are is of God. We give to the Church in thanksgiving to God for all God has given us. Your offering supports the ministry of the Church of the Advent as we seek to be bearers of God's love and light. You can place your offering in the offertory plate; set up recurring electronic payments through your bank; make a secure donation online by texting ADVENTMEDFIELD to 73256 followed by the gift amount; or go to adventmedfield.org and click Give at the top right.

Offertory Anthem

Meditation

Cecile Chaminade (1857-1944)

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v.3

Doxology Please stand as you are able. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you. People

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise. People

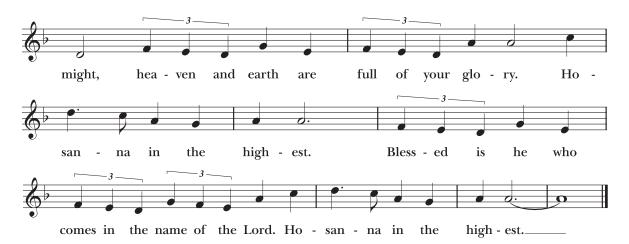
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129





Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

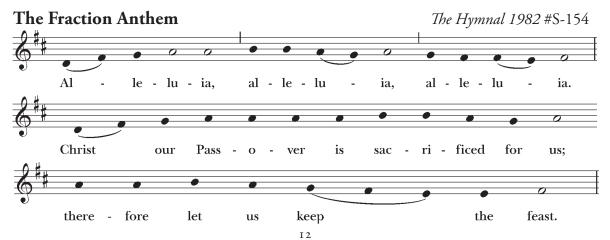
People AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.





Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

Communion

All who seek Christ or a deeper knowledge of Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Please come forward to the altar rail, filling in on the sides, and stand or kneel to receive Communion. Cup your hands to receive the bread. You may receive the wine by guiding the cup to your lips or by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not want to receive from the chalice, you may touch the chalice and say "Amen" when the Eucharistic Minister says "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Gluten-free wafers are available.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing. If you need Communion brought to you, please notify the usher.

Post Communion Prayer *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

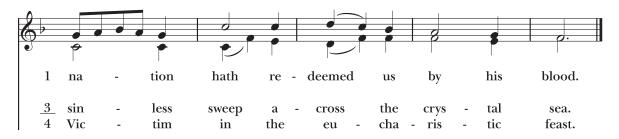
 All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says the blessing, The people respond Amen.

The Recessional Hymn





The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738), arr. Wolff

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Rita Coppola and Lena Tocci, by Donna Baker.

Participants

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Announcements

Welcome!

If you're visiting or new to Advent, please fill out a Welcome Card in your pew. You can place it in the offertory plate or hand it to Rev. Lynn. We'd love to connect with you!

Next Sunday Is Pentecost

Plan on wearing red to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, which often is depicted as flames.

High School Graduates

If you have a high school student who is graduating this spring, make sure to let Rev. Lynn know so we can send them with a blessing.

Save the Date: End-of-Year Picnic on June 9

After worship on June 9, we'll have our annual picnic to celebrate the end of the program year. Thank you to Stephen and Ingrid Scanlon who will be here with The Hot Dog Wagon, and Tim Knight, who's organizing the picnic. If you can help organize, please let Tim know.

Formation

Church School for PreK-3rd Grade meets at 9:30am on May 12 and June 2.

Youth Group meets from 5:00-7:00pm on May 19. All youth in grades 8-12 — parishioners and friends! —are welcome. Contact Rev. Lynn for details.

Adult bible study and reflection takes place Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. It's a come-as-you-can program so there's no pressure to come every week.

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