



Seventh Sunday Of Easter

May 12th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God, not on the “right” way to do things, because there is no “right” way.
- Please remain muted for the duration of the service unless you have a speaking role. All are welcome to unmute themselves during announcements.
- Above all, ask questions through Zoom's chat feature, if you have them. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.

The Liturgy of the Word

The service begins with three chimes of a bell, followed by the announcement of the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN – 215 (*standing, as able*)

SEE THE CONQUEROR MOUNTS IN TRIUMPH

Christopher Wordsworth

1 **See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;**
see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot,
to his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted
to receive their heavenly King.

3 **Thou hast raised our human nature**
on the clouds to God's right hand:
there we sit in heavenly places,
there with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in thine ascension,
we by faith behold our own.

2 **He who on the cross did suffer,**
he who from the grave arose,
he has vanquished sin and Satan;
he by death has spoiled his foes.
While he lifts his hands in blessing,
he is parted from his friends;
while their eager eyes behold him,
he upon the clouds ascends.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*standing, as able*)

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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 – S280 (*standing, as able*)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (*standing, as able*)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26 (*seated*)

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1 (*seated*)

Leader Let us read Psalm 1 responsively by whole 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.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 5:9-13 (*seated*)

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 17:6-19 (*standing, as able*)

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus prayed for his disciples saying,] “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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON (*seated*)

The Rev. Christopher Richardson

THE NICENE CREED (*standing, as 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM III (*standing, as able*)

Officiant Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Officiant Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Officiant We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Officiant We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Officiant Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Officiant Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Officiant Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Officiant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Officiant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Today we especially pray for The Alcott Family, Mary Becht, Susan Bush, the Correa family, Jenny Coss, Sue Craig, Maureen Cunningham, Michael Curry, Katrina Filmore, Darrell Forren, Kim French, Caleb Garrison, Steve Gorup, Brenda Groff, David Kissel, John Kissel, Kevin Lewis, Charlotte Neeshan, Marian Peeler, Taryn Rapp and family, David Richards, Nadya Richardson, Rodger Silvia, Charles Spissu, Dale Van Bibber, Mike and Sue Whitaker, Eric Williams, Keller, Monica, and all of the people across the world affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, 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 for ever.

People **Amen.**

PEACE (*standing, as able*)

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*seated*)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (*seated*)

Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN –214 (*seated*)

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

Charles Wesley

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

- 3 See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

- 4 Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

DOXOLOGY (*standing, as able*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

The Holy Communion

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D (*standing, as able*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS – S 125 (*standing, as able*)

Richard Proulx

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

(standing or kneeling, as able)

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

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

People **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 (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN – LEVAS 151 *(seated)*

WE ARE ALL ONE IN MISISON

Rusty Edwards

1 We are one in mission,
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different,
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so people of all nations may feel
God's warm embrace.

3 We all behold one vision,
a stark reality;
the steward of salvation
was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice
gives rise that we may share
free reconciliation
and hope amid despair.

4 Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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 *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

DISMISSAL (*standing, as able*)

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All are invited to join us in our meeting room following the service for coffee and fellowship.
- Pentecost is coming up on May 19th. Don't forget to wear red in celebration of the Birthday of the Church! This is also the day that we will switch our Zoom link so that we will no longer have a Waiting Room. The new link will be included in the Weekly Update that will go out on Friday, May 17th.
- The 7th EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY – Episcopal Night at the Symphony returns Friday evening May 24th, 2024, at the Ohio Theatre featuring The Columbus Symphony Orchestra & Chorus for “Mozart’s Mass in C minor.” Check Symphony’s website for details. Ticket prices are \$60 per person and include food and beverages at a 5:30pm reception in the Galbreath Pavilion, as well as orchestra seating for the concert which begins at 7:30pm. The price for the reception only is \$35 per person (if you already have your tickets). Bishop Kristin White and John White will be there, as well as Procter Center Co-Executive Directors Jerusalem and Nathan Greer. Please send a check for the full amount, along with the names of those in your party to the Rev. Bruce Smith, 627 Yaronia Dr. N., Columbus, OH 43214, and include your email address. DEADLINE for reservations and payment is May 10th.
- Please review the names in the prayer list. If you requested prayers for someone and the circumstances have changed, please email Sam, and let her know so that she can update the prayer list.
- St. John’s and Sacred Table are hosting a dinner church twice a month on Wednesday evenings. This will be an opportunity to gather around a “dinner table” as sacred space. Worship and a meal will all be one experience, and we will have local artists, poets, and musicians joining us. The next dinner will be hosted at St. John’s on May 15th at 6 p.m.
- You can now enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. This is a way to raise funds for St. John’s simply by shopping at Kroger. If you need assistance with this process, please contact Sam at stadministrator@st-johns-columbus.org.
- Street Church meets at the PNC on the corner of Central and Broad on Sundays at 1 p.m.
- If you know anyone in assisted care, please reach out to us! We would love to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

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Mission Statement:

St. John's is a body of Christians, where all are welcome, giving thanks to God through traditional worship in an informal setting and serving God, fully dedicated to being in ministry with our neighborhood and beyond.

Vision Statement:

St. John's envisions a world of equity, peace, and compassion. At St. John's you can be yourself, while experiencing God's love, without fear of judgment.

Who We Are:

St. John's was founded in 1873 as a neighborhood mission and continues to strive to be fully engaged in the Franklinton community through worship, service, and relationships. We do not do outreach; everything we do reaches out into the larger community and invites the community into the life of the congregation.

