



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 am Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn *Alleluia! sing to Jesus (v.1, 4)*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -



I songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 I might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 I na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Opening Sentence

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together,

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter _____

Officiant Lord, open our lips

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People,

**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. Alleluia.**

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.

Christ our Passover _____ *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 1*

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

The Lessons

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

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.**

Canticle G _____ *A Song of Ezekiel*
Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest * and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people, * and I will be your God.

The Second Reading _____ *1 John 5:9-13*

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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle J _____

A Song of Judith

Judith 16:13-16

I will sing a new song to my God, *
 for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
 Let the whole creation serve you, *
 for you spoke and all things came into being.
 You sent your breath and it formed them, * no one is able to resist your voice.
 Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, * rocks melt like wax at your presence.
 But to those who fear you, * you continue to show mercy.
 No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
 but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Third Reading _____

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 Sermon _____

The Rev. Tracie Little

Song of Reflection _____

In the Image of God, DeCou

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People say together,

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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 also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day _____

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.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People _____

Intercessor Open our eyes to the wonder of the life you have given us; the creatures with whom we share this planet, the endless horizons, the intricate working of our bodies, the tenderness and complexity of human relationships.

People **Amen, merciful God, amen.**

Intercessor Open our hearts to the ways that we have hurt each other, that we may turn toward each other in love and turn closer together to you.

People **Amen, merciful God, amen.**

Intercessor Open our ears to the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those whose lives include hunger, financial insecurity, violence; whose homes are threatened by natural disasters; whose bodies ache with pain and whose lives are in the balance; who live in war zones, poverty, or fear.

People **Amen, merciful God, amen.**

Intercessor Open our lives to the path of righteousness and align our vision with your vision of the world – created by you, redeemed by you, enlivened by your Spirit, and reconciled to you at the last.

People **Amen, merciful God, amen.**

Officiant O God of mercy, we have your promise that we are loved. Hear our prayers for all the world, hungering for your love, the love of your Son without end.

The General Thanksgiving _____

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For all your goodness and loving-kindness
To us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
And all the blessings of this life;
But above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,
By giving up our selves to your service,
And by walking before you
In holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

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

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God the Love of God
and the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be with you now
And remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Out

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Daily Worship at 8 am on Facebook

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8 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook
10:30 am - Communion Service in Church Parking Lot
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