

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day

May 16, 2021

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Year B

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prelude

Hymn *Hail the day that sees him rise*

(see next page)

214, Hymnal

Opening Acclamations

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen..

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider and People

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.

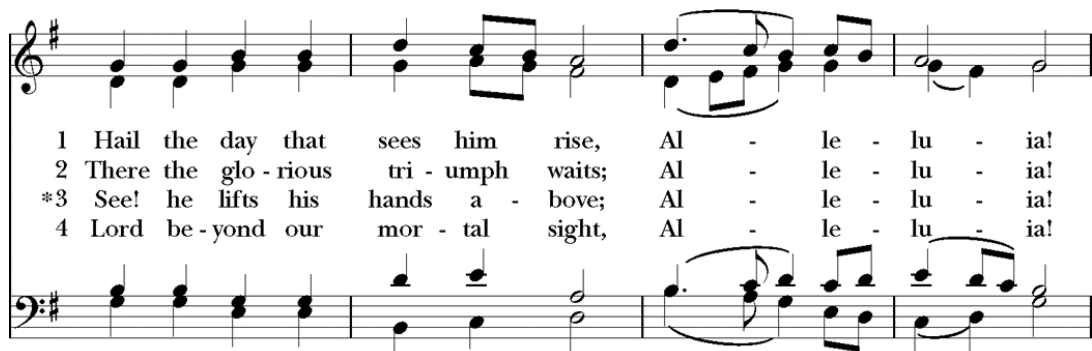
Gloria (yellow card)

Presenter: God be with you

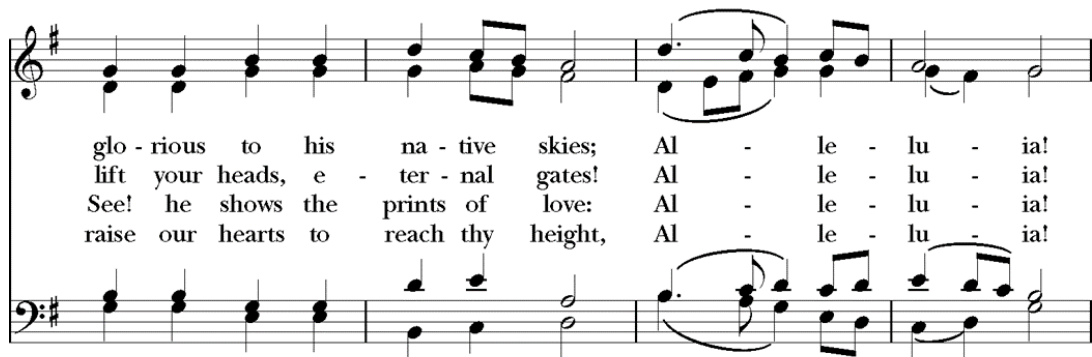
People: And also with you

Collect of the Day

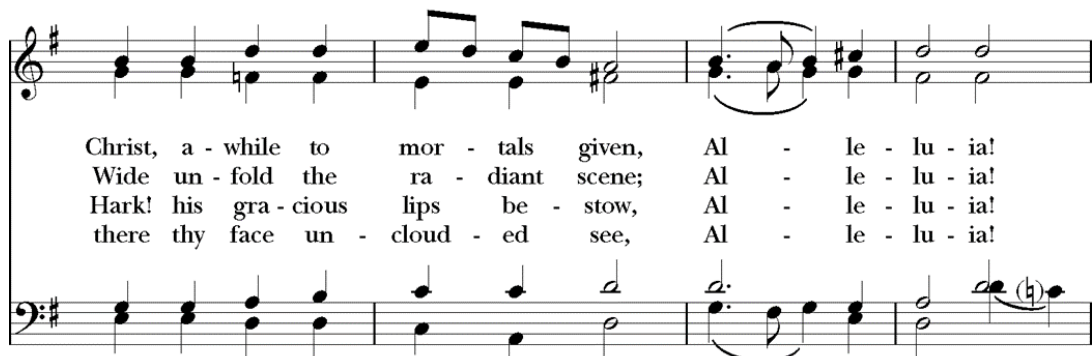
O God, the Sovereign of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

An introduction: This passage marks a moment of restoration, and a fulfillment of Scripture. The twelve, who represent Israel as God's people, are now eleven. Judas in fulfilling his role in the prophecy, in his betrayal of Jesus, has broken the apostolic circle. Peter outlines what is necessary in the one who will restore wholeness—faithful accompaniment of Jesus' ministry and witness to the resurrection.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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. **Response: Thanks be to God**

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.

An introduction: In the verses leading up to this passage from first John, the Elder tells their readers that Jesus comes by water and by blood. Jesus' baptism and the hard truth of his crucifixion are both front of mind as readers are encouraged to receive God's testimony into their hearts.

A Reading from 1 John [5:9-13]

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that God has testified to the 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 God's 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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Gospel Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus*

[opposite page]

383, Hymnal

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [17:6-19]

Response: 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.”

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Kathy Boss

A brief silence may follow

Prayers of the People [written by Susanne Watson Epting]

Leader Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! Love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.

We pray for the Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our bishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember Trinity Church in Hampton and Christ Church in Portsmouth. In our Anglican cycle of prayer we remember the Anglican Church of Korea We offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of

your risen presence, today and always.

Leader God of Love and Peace, *People* **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our nation. God of hope, teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the many of privilege who determine the destinies of others. Lead us not only to share our wealth, but to enter with hope into the poverty of those who do not share our good fortune.

Leader God of Love and Peace, *People* **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole world. God of creation you have given us a world of glorious diversity. Give us the eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic patchwork. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your peace and goodness and vision to all people.

Leader God of Love and Peace, *People* **Hear our prayer**

We pray for this community. God who came to earth as one of us, help us see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of the Servant Jesus, that joined with him we remain ready to kneel with basin and towel before each other and before those you continue to bring into our midst.

Leader God of Love and Peace, *People* **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who suffer. God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name. Bless all of those who ask our prayers, and give us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those who need your comfort. We pray especially for the people on our prayer list. Join me if you would like in saying their names: **Jackie Rogers, Liam Ferguson, Ralph Porfido, John B. Avery, Bunny Stoddard, Xondra Smith, Tyler Emerson, Christy McCaulay, Karl Vander Woude, Hank and Jean-Marie Peterson, Jaxson Bagore, David and Deb McRich, Kate, Dave Quinn, Mark Flescher, Noreen Watts, Sherry Sachritz, Jeannine Edwards, Joan Mistretta, Ethel Cooper, Charlena McDufford, Lex Burton, Roxy Bowker, Sandy & Virginia Lyman, Rosemary Hall Evans, Laurie MacGregor, Anna Hayden, Patti Schaffer, Adon Fogg, Sue Wheeler, Pat Cowles, Herb Little, Larry Cormier, Valerie Lowe, Zachary Lemire, Dave Stoddard, Lyle Johnson,**

Bill Gilmore, Amy and Julian, Don Perlee, Marcia, Cindy, Xavi Lopez, Dorothea Williams, and for those you name silently or aloud.

Leader God of Love and Peace, *People* **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have died, especially Judith Stimson and those who have died serving their country. God who has loved us from before birth and God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection, and we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope.

Leader God of Love and Peace *People* **Hear our prayer**

Confession of Sin

BCP, 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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 Absolution

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 Peace

BCP, 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

At the Presentation of our offering,

8 AM we say, **All things come of thee, O Lord.**

And of thine own have we given thee.

10 AM we sing, *Ye watchers and ye holy ones (vs. 4)*

618, Hymnal

O friends in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, three in One,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Presider and People (yellow card)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and

people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

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

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God, take this bread in remembrance that Christ lived, taught, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Presider: The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

All consume their bread

The Presider invites someone to consume the consecrated wine on behalf of all.

Prayer after Communion

Enriching our Worship

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn O Christ, When you ascended Tune: Lancashire (555, Hymnal)

*O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne.
Your time on earth has ended—yet we weren't left alone
You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.*

*We look at earthly rulers and see what they command.
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.*

*We're tempted. Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told.
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear -
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.*

*It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way.
We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.
Sometimes we give you Sundays—an hour, maybe two—
But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.*

*One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known.
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name.
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.*

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Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia*

Postlude

WELCOME!

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Paul and Tina Lister



Irene Lynde, Dottie Herbert, and Danni Rodrigues

PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY

11:30 am, ZOOM Coffee Hour

Tues., May 18th

11:00 am, Centering Prayer, Sanctuary

5:00 pm, Dinner Bell, NFI North - TAKE-OUT ONLY

6:00 pm, Vestry - ZOOM

Wed., May 19th

7:00 pm, Sacred Ground - A film based series on race
and faith - ZOOM

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider: The Rev. Curtis Metzger

Preacher: The Rev. Kathy Boss

Curate: The Rev. Kathy Boss

8 am Reader: Anthony Rodrigues

8 am Intercessor:

Deacon: The Rev. Paul Higginson

10 am Readers: Sheelagh Higginson
Jody Flescher

10 am Intercessor:

Easter Canticle: Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum

Alleluia.

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; **

therefore let us keep the feast,

*Not with 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.

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