



St. John's Episcopal Church

415 S. Lexington Street, Arlington, VA 22204
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Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024, 9 in the morning

Typically, Episcopalians stand to sing and for the proclamation of the Gospel; kneel for confession and prayer; and sit while listening to reading or preaching. You will see some indication for those postures in the bulletin. Your presence is more precious than your posture: please stand, sit, or kneel as you are able and prefer.

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Page references are to the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, with service music indicated by 'S' at the front of the Hymnal; 'LEVAS' for hymns from red/black Lift Every Voice and Sing; and 'WLP' for hymns from green Wonder, Love, and Praise.

PRELUDE *Hail Thee, Festival Day*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMN 214 *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Charles Wesley

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Please stand as you are able

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant 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 S 280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord 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.**

THE LESSONS

Seated

First Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

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!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

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.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Lesson

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 448 *O Love, How Deep*

Latin, tr. Benjamin Webb

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Stand as able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *17:6-19*
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 the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

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Celebrant and People

Stand 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God gives what is good. Let us pray that this goodness of God flow through us into all the world, saying: O God, giver of love, hear our prayer.

O God, your love is in motion. We praise the strength of your love. Where there is hunger, raise up your love. Where there is hurt and persecution, empower your love. Where there are false prophets, proclaim your love. Where there are lies, speak your love. O, God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

Where nations are angry and plot harm against one another, bring your love. Where governments lie and deceive, bring your love. Where powers cripple and destroy what you have made, bring your love. O, God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

Where the churches alienate one another, bring your love. Where our fears keep us from offering Christ to all the needy peoples, bring your love. When this assembly is marked by division and jealousy, bring your love. O, God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, increase our affection. Increase our compassion. Increase our joy. Show us those we do not see. [*Epecially...*] Magnify our love. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

[The Prayer List will be shared, and other concerns are welcome to be named silently or aloud.]

Celebrant

O God, we thank you for the power of divine love and for the presence of your love in one another. Guide us all finally into that greatest love who is Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *My Faith Looks Trustingly*

Lowell Mason

DOXOLOGY 380, V 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

Standing, seated or kneeling

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

HYMN S-171 *Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus*

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

Intinction and drinking from the common cup are both offered; the Bread and the Cup are distributed with these words

The Body (and Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Diapason Voluntary*

Gordon Young

Let us pray.

**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

CLOSING HYMN 495 *Hail thou Once Despised Jesus*

John Bakewell

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE *To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*

arr. Mark Sedio

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music • Carol Dunlap, Guest Organist
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Barbara Olivere, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Bill Pritchard, Teller • Sandy Winger, Fellowship
Pete Olivere and Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinators

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. ***Please join us for coffee hour*** downstairs after the service.

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted on the big bulletin board downstairs; we welcome and appreciate thank-offerings and memorial dedications

Pentecost - Red All Around -- May 19th, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit - clothe yourself in the colors of the Living Flame: red, orange, yellow and gold!

AFAC Bulk Food Packing On the second Friday evening of every other month, a group from St. John's works spends an hour at the Arlington Food Assistance Center bagging food. Contact Faye Pritchard on 703931-2168 if you would like to join in this ministry to help our neighbors in need of food.

St. John's Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, downstairs in the undercroft. For the June 4th meeting they are reading *The Word Is Murder* by Anthony Horowitz

Bells and Balloons to Start the Parade -- Glencarlyn Day Parade starts at St John's, and we're adding balloon animals to last year's face-painting fun. The chance to ring the church bell was very popular last year, so we'll be offering that opportunity to kids of all ages, too! Please plan to join the fun as Glencarlyn celebrates sports of all types with a 'Take Me Out to the Game' theme. Wear your favorite team's hat or jersey for the festivities or your St. John's tee shirt if you have one. St. John's is offering the open area to artists or crafters, who live in Glencarlyn residents or are members of our church, to display or sell their works.

Looking Ahead . . .

Independence Day weekend We will all gather to celebrate the the long Independence Day weekend with a single service for both congregations on July 7th. We'll be at St Patrick's for Church at 11, followed by a Potluck lunch. If the weather is nice, we'll be outdoors, as there are picnic tables in the shade. (St Patrick's does not currently have an outdoor grill; if you have one going unused, we'd be glad to have it!

School Supplies Drive July and August will be gathering time for school supplies to benefit the elementary schools closest to each congregation (Carlin Springs and Westlawn). Lists of most-needed items and information about collection sites will be forthcoming, but it's never too early to start watching for bargain prices on supplies! We'll bless the collected items on Sunday, August 18 in order to make delivery before the first day of school.

The Path Ahead - 6 Week Course on Spirituality and Purpose in Later Life between July Fourth and Labor Day, let's gather for adult formation. The course describes that "Participants grapple with ageism, identify changing spiritual needs, equip themselves with new prayer practices, and engage in discernment about God's continuing call." When shall we meet? A second offering of this course will be set between All saints Day and Christmas for folks unable to join us this time. Please contact Julie+ with questions and to be part of the summer or fall group.

Celebration of Life Planning

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 25 - we'll gather for lunch and look at the Burial service, along with suggested readings, and work through questions about music, eulogies, etc. You'll have the chance to record your preferences, and a copy to put with your legacy file at home and one to stay at the church where it will be an easy reference for your family when needed. Exact time and location will be announced as we draw closer to the date.

Live-Stream Worship Zoom access

link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZl1N2ZVFSWDNlKoZDUT09>

and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. Password: 2020. Or, zoom.com/join Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.

Emergency Pastoral Care -- For pastoral emergencies please call or text the Reverend Julie D. Bryant at 703-336-2256. Her email address is juliediane Bryant@gmail.com.

Rev. Bryant also serves as Rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church. They celebrate their Sunday service at 11 am where you are welcome to attend. The church is located at 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. Their website is www.saintpatricks.us. Their YouTube Channel is <https://www.youtube.com/user/StPatsEpiscopal>.

Honoring Families of All Types

We may use prayers of dedication and thanksgiving during the months of May and June, evoking gratitude for care given and received; I will select ones that do not presume the manner of tending and teaching as set by gender, or imply a narrow definition of family, precisely so that we can celebrate the many ways God invites us to find community with one another.

Rather than have small gifts for men or women who may be known as fathering or mothering children, I suggest that remembrances and thanksgivings for those who have been your guides and providers be made to the Arlington Thrive program for families in need. You may also consider a thank offering for the children who were placed in your care for a moment or a lifetime, so that other families may have what they need to provide for young people. Information on Arlington Thrive program offerings is on the bulletin board, along with envelopes that may be placed in the offering plates. If you prefer you can donate directly on the Thrive website arlingtonthrive.org Thank you, Julie+

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