



**Reader** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:6-14)

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36** *Exsurgat Deus*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his /enemies be /scattered; \*  
let those who/ hate him flee be/fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind/ drives it  
a/way; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked  
perish/ at the presence of /God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice/ before/ God; \*  
let them also /be merry and /joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides u/pon the/ heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, /rejoice before/ him!
- 5 Father of orphans, de/fender of/ widows, \*  
God in his/ holy habi/tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners/ /into /freedom; \*  
but the rebels /shall live in dry/ places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be/fore your/ people, \*  
when you marched/through the wilder/ness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the/ God of /Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the/ God of Isra/el.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in/herit/ance; \*  
you refreshed the/ land when it was/ weary.
- 10 Your people found their /home in/ it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made pro/vision for the/ poor.



- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms/ of the/ earth; \*  
sing/ praises to the/ Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the/ ancient/ heavens; \*  
he sends forth his/ voice, his mighty/ voice.
- 35 Ascribe/ power to/ God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his /strength is in the/ skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his/ holy/ places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!/  
/Blessed be/ God!

**Reader A reading from the First Book of Peter (4:12-14; 5:6-11)**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader The Word of the Lord  
People *Thanks be to God*

**Sequence Hymn "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph" Hymn 215**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (17:1-11)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord  
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Ideas to ponder*

- How do you understand glory?
- How might you reflect God's glory in your daily life?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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 Form III

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 387

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

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

*Reader* We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Karin, our bishop-elect and all  
 bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

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

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

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

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

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

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially *Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David C., Ashley F., Michael, and Jim A.*

*All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

**The Peace** *Standing*

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

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.*

Offertory Anthem for Ascension “We thank thee Jesus” setting by Carl Schalk

The Doxology: v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer D *Standing* BCP 372

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant BCP 373

It is truly right... glorify your Name, as we say...

Celebrant and people Hymnal 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.*

*Celebrant Standing or Kneeling*

BCP 373-374

We acclaim you... this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and people*

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

*Celebrant*

BCP 375

Lord we pray... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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 Bread

Fraction Anthem

*Christ Our Passover*

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* 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.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.*

Communion Chant

*"Show forth his salvation from day to day"*

Psalm 96

Communion Hymn for Ascension *"A hymn of glory let us sing"*

Lasst uns erfreuen

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling*

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 celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn

*"Crown him with many crowns"*

Hymn 494

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

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

The Closing Voluntary

*We Thank Thee Jesus*

Johann Gottfried Walther

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
Margaret English Lester  
By the Coleman family*

Elizabeth Waite Maxwell will graduate from Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, VA. Elizabeth was on the tennis team all 4 years of high school. She was also the Soccer Manager for the VES Girls Varsity Soccer team for the last two years. She was honored at the VES President's Silver Award for her involvement in her community and school. She will work at Camp Seafarer this summer as a motor boating counselor, where she attended as a camper most of her life. She recently received her Coast Guard license this past winter. Elizabeth has enjoyed serving as an acolyte for Christ Episcopal Church. She is very grateful for her church family! In the fall, Elizabeth will attend Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and plans to major in Communications. Elizabeth is the daughter of Ellen Maxwell.

**Wednesday Eucharist**

In May, we will celebrate the Noon Wednesday Eucharist on **May 20** and **27**.

**Memorial Day**

The Church office is closed on **Monday, May 25**, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Altar Guild Open Date**

We have **May 31 (The First Sunday after the Pentecost: Trinity Sunday)** open date for altar flowers if anyone wants to do a memorial in loving memory of... or in thanksgiving for... someone. It is available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that funerals, weddings, and baptisms take precedence over scheduled memorials. Let the Church office know if you are interested in this date. **Let us know if you want to change the previous Narthex to this Altar flower date.**

**Pentecost - May 24**

The Feast of Pentecost is **May 24**, as we celebrate the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. You are encouraged to wear red (symbolizing the Spirit's tongues of fire).

## **New Bishop Consecration**

Registration for the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Karin MacPhail as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia at St. John's Roanoke on **June 13**, is now open, via the [Diocesan website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Registration will close once the total capacity of St. John's has been reached.

## **Save the Date - Flag Day Summer Outing**

On Sunday, June 14, please join us for an evening of croquet, dinner, and fellowship in Marty Gardner's woods; we'll begin gathering at 4:30 pm and eat around 5:30. Although reservations are not required, in order to know how much food to prepare, [please sign up on our website under 'volunteers'](#).

## **Grace Network**

Our Grace Network Assignments for **May - June: Applesauce (24-32 oz) OR six packs of individuals**. For **May: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. **You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**

### **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Susan Critz

**Chalicers:** Steve Keyser, Tom Webster

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Gus Barber, Hank Long

**Camera Operator:** Natalie Coleman

**Counters:** Steve Keyser, Jay Dickens

**Altar Guild Team #4 -** Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman, Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

**Nursery Attendant:** Caroline Davis

### **2026 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 2:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

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