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The Seventh Sunday of Easter:  
The Sunday after Ascension Day  
May 29, 2022  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Wearing a mask is strongly recommended for all. Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

The Opening Voluntary	<i>Caprice sur les grands jeux</i>	L. N. Clerambault
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Processional Hymn                      *“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”*                      Hymn 214

Celebrant 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 in excelsis Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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.*

**Reader**      A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:16-34)

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

**Psalms 97** Dominus regnavit

- 1    The Lord is King;  
     let the /earth re/joice; \*  
     let the multitude /of the isles be /glad.
- 2    Clouds and darkness are/ round about/ him, \*  
     righteousness and justice are the foun/dations of his/  
     throne.
- 3    A fire /goes before /him \*  
     and burns up his ene/mies on every/ side.
- 4    His lightnings light/ up the /world; \*  
     the earth /sees it and is a/fraid.
- 5    The mountains melt like wax at the presence /of the/ Lord, \*  
     at the presence of the/ Lord of the whole/ earth.



- 6 The heavens declare his/ righteous/ness, \*  
and all the/ peoples see his /glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight/ in false /gods! \*  
Bow down be/fore him, all you/ gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of /Judah re/joice, \*  
because of /your judgments, O /Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over/ all the /earth; \*  
you are exalted /far above all/ gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those /who hate/ evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them/ from the hand of the /wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up /for the /righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for /those who are true/hearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the /Lord, you /righteous, \*  
and give thanks /to his holy /Name.

**Reader** A reading from the Revelation of John (22:12-14,16-17,20-21)

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. 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 (17:20-26)

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and

have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

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 Bishop Mark and all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
People        *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader        We pray for Joe 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 Nancy and all 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 Mary Ruth, Cindy, Mark, Bob S., Lauren, Tammy T., Sue, Noah, and the family and friends of Nancy Bondurant.

*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** *Lord, When Thou Didst Ascend On High* Wm. Billings

**The Doxology:** *Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

**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*

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 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*

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.

*Celebrant and 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 Stephen 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. **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.

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.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
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. If you wish to receive the wine, you may either sip from the common cup or take a cup from one of the side tables as you come forward, into which a chalice-bearer will pour a small portion of wine; if you wish to intinct (dip the wafer into the wine), please take a small cup and do not intinct in the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive, you may come to the rail and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the celebrant will come to you.*

Communion Chant

*"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord"*

Psalm 33

Communion Hymn

*My Dancing Day*

Traditional

*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

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

Hymn 450

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary

*Coronation*

arr. Gordon Young

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Thanksgiving for  
Mary Thomas Titus  
By Rebin, Lyndsay and Presley Titus*

*We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers  
Given to the Glory of God and in  
Loving Memory of  
Paul B. Toms and May Hooker Toms  
By the Family*

The students and staff of Virginia Episcopal School, their Headmaster, Garth Ainslie and their chaplain, The Rev. Adam White. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines

### May Events

- **Adult Sunday School** is on a brief hiatus; we will resume on June 12 at 9:00 am in the Parish House with an episodic series reading and discussing excerpts from the legal material of the Pentateuch.
- **Sunday services at 10:30 am.**
  - Rite II, w/HE Rev. John Adams presiding
- **The Daily Office** is being offered by an ecumenical group of dedicated individuals at 9 a.m. for morning prayer, noon for noontime prayer and at 5 p.m. for evening prayer. Join the group on Facebook Live, their page is Daily Office Prayer and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/dailyOfficePrayer/>.
- **Monday Evening Class**  
The Monday evening study group gathers in the Parish House for a light dinner at 6:30 pm and concludes around 8:30; beginning May 16, we will be discussing the next Sunday's Scripture readings. All are welcome; please join us!
- Every Wednesday, **Noontday Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.**
- **Loaves & Fishes** will be served the last Wednesday of each month from **5:00 - 5:45 pm** using the drive-thru pickup system from the Parish House parking lot.



**THANK YOU to David Cole for his diligent work with Loaves & Fishes and the acolytes these last few years. Br. Mychal Joseph Gallop will be the new contact for both of these ministries.**

### **Kings Grant Eucharist**

Beginning June 2, at 1:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month, Fr. John will celebrate Eucharist in the Chapel at Kings Grant. This brief (30-35 minute) service will include a homily on the saint of the day, and all baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.

### **Edmiston and Barrow Funerals**

The service for Martha Edmiston will be Saturday, June 4, at 2:00 pm. The service for Nadine Barrow will be Saturday, June 11, at 2:00 pm. All who wish to celebrate their eternal life in Jesus, remember their earthly lives, and mourn with their families are invited to attend. There will be receptions in the Parish House following each service.

### **Pentecost**

June 5 is the Feast of Pentecost, a principal feast of the Church; you are invited to wear red in celebration of the Holy Spirit. We will be baptizing new members into the Body of Christ and celebrating with a reception afterwards in the Parish House. **Please note that, beginning June 5 and running through August 28, the worship service will start at 10:00 am (instead of 10:30).**

### **Evangelism Meeting**

On Tuesday, June 7, at 5:30 pm in the Parish House, we are holding an evangelism brainstorming session, during which we will identify what sorts of community outreach and new member incorporation are included in our work of evangelism, discuss possible evangelical actions we could take now or in the near future, and consider how to move forward. If you have stories about how someone's evangelism brought you to Christ Church, or want to share ideas for how we might evangelize, or feel energized by the prospect of bringing new people into our church community, please do plan to attend.

### **Fr. John's Office Hours**

As part of his weekly calendar, Fr. John blocks out a couple of times where he does not schedule other visits or meetings so that those who wish to chat without a specific appointment can reliably find him. These 'office hours' are presently Tuesday mornings, 9:00 - 10:30 at the Ground Floor, and Wednesday afternoons, 2:30 - 4:00 at his office in the Parish House. He is also happy to schedule specific meetings simply to get to know the people of Christ Church better, and encourages you to email, text, or call him ([johndavidadams85@gmail.com](mailto:johndavidadams85@gmail.com) and 571-232-1294) if you are sick, having surgery, otherwise in need of prayer, or just want to visit.

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for May thru June: **Apple Sauce (12-15oz)**. For the month of May: **bath soap, toilet paper and toothpaste**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with 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.

**The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.**



#### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE:

Officiant: Rev. John Adams  
Lector/prayers: Bob Bushnell  
Chalists: Hank Long, Jay Dickens  
Acolyte: Tyler Johnson  
Organist: Lynn Gardner  
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West  
Ushers: Ben Beeler, Bruce Mazurek, Rebin Titus, Andy Quirk  
Altar Guild: Team One – Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, Alexandra O'Hare, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson, May Hawfield, Lyndsay Titus, Beth Cahill (Susan Critz – flower substitute)

#### Vestry for 2022

**Year 3:** Carolyn Byrd; Beverley Coleman, Secretary;  
Cece Johnson; Ellen Maxwell  
**Year 2:** Hank Long, Senior Warden;  
Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley  
**Year 1:** Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens,  
Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;  
Andy Williams, Junior Warden