

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

May 16, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude on *Lobe den Herren* (Praise to the Lord) - Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Hymn Hail the day that sees him rise (Llanfair)

Hymnal # 214, vs. 1, 2, 4

***Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

***Collect for Purity**

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**

Hymnal # S-278

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.

***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 First Lesson

Acts 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

- 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.

The Epistle Reading

1 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.

The Gospel Reading*John 17:6-19**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.

The Sermon**The Rev. Megan Castellan*****The Nicene Creed**

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**

The King of glory has exalted his Son with great triumph to his heavenly kingdom. May our hearts rise to the place where he resides as we offer our prayers and thanksgivings, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us O risen Christ."

+ That our Church may increase in membership and spiritual vitality, knowing that God has given us eternal life, and that this life is alive today in the life of the baptized; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For unity amongst interfaith religious communities, that we may respect our various traditions as we work together to respond to the needs of the poor, to support those suffering from anxiety and depression, and to awaken hope in those who do not trust the future; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ That the leaders of our Church, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and DeDe, Bishop of this diocese, may be sanctified in humility and truth so that their work may overcome the power of evil, and their message strengthen the voices of the faithful; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For an end to the tyranny that suppresses the healthy growth of nations, and the domination that is fueled by self-interest, power, and fanaticism; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For all who have died in the midst of battle, especially the innocent victims of war, and for all the departed, that God will have mercy on their souls; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ That with love and reverence we may tend to this fragile earth, a tiny island in an ever-expanding universe, bequeathing its fruits to those who follow; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, whose power we receive and await, as we continue to offer our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

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| Theodore | Kathryn | Laura | Sara | Jerry |
| Dhara | Kathleen | Martha | Suzy | Cecil |
| Lorraine | Wes | Mary | Paul | |
| Loraine | Susan | James | Skip | |
| Edith | Joan | Jay | Hatty | |
| Lucy | Jean | Terry | Elaine | |
| Carol | James | Alan | Pat | |

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week. Donald Miller, Ayani Bunch

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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

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

Please remain in your pews. Wave!

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn Praise to the Lord (*Lobe den Herren*)

Hymnal # 390

*The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Expanded Language Prayer A

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Hymnal # S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God:
In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
And when we had fallen into sin
And became 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 maker of all.
Jesus 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 Savior 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, Jesus 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:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God,
In this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior.
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
Now and forever.

Amen.

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal # S-164

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table. During the covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle, to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude on *Llanfair* (Hail the day that sees Christ rise) - Charles Callahan , 2008

Liturgical Ministers Muriel Everhart, Lloyd Hall, Mary Arlin

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!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)


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Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 P 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Offering of Letters 2021 to End Hunger through Advocacy

Over the past year we have seen seemingly endless images of long lines of people and cars queuing for food and other groceries. In the Philippines, a director of a feeding program said that many poor people "will tell you that they're more afraid of dying from hunger than dying from Covid." Internationally, a mind boggling 270 Million could face a hunger crisis due to the pandemic. 1 in 4 kids are at risk of hunger in the U.S. 40% Black and Latino families struggle feeding children. God calls us to advocate for an end to hunger and poverty. Join faith communities in Ithaca and across the country in writing emails to urge our representatives in Congress to reduce hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

To write your members of Congress:

Go to the Bread for the World website at www.bread.org

- Scroll down to Offering of Letters to Congress
- Click on "[WRITE TO CONGRESS](#)"
- In the body of the email message make sure to include your Name, Address [Street, City, State, Zip Code], and Email address. This information will identify you as a constituent.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Personalize your message by writing one or two sentences about why you care about people struggling with hunger and poverty. Personalizing your message triggers an algorithm that directs your email to the "make sure to read" pile. Your email will automatically be sent to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and Rep. Tom Reed.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR RESULTS

If you are willing, email or text Cora or John or St. John's to let us know that you wrote your members of Congress. When we meet with Congress representatives' staff in the summer we want to be able to say to them, "Our church sent 20 emails and letters to your office advocating for the expansion of the Child Tax Credit and increasing U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs." That is a very helpful and powerful testimony. Thank you for advocating for people struggling with hunger and poverty.

Please Join Us

Coffee Hour, today after the service on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on [FaceBook](#) & [YouTube](#).

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