

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY  
12 May 2024 Year B  
**10:30 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Adagio from *Sonata in F* Anna Amalia, Princess of Prussia (1723–1787,  
transcribed Christa Rakich (b. 1950)

**\*Processional Hymn** Hail the day that sees him rise (*Llanfair*) **Hymnal 214**

**\*Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

**The Collect of the Day**

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.*

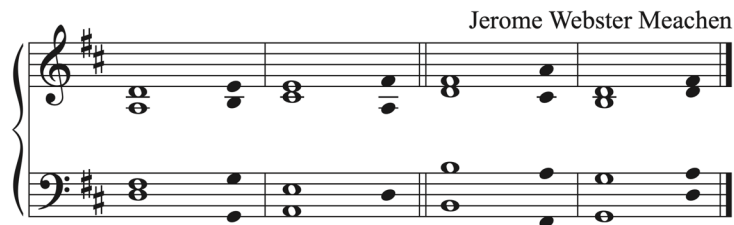
**The First Lesson** **Acts 1:15–17, 21–26**

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 1:4–13

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.*

\*Sequence When Christ was lifted from the earth (*St. Boltoph*)

Hymnal #603 vv. 1–2

## \*The Gospel Reading

John 17:6–13

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.*

**\*Sequence** When Christ was lifted from the earth (*St. Boltoph*)

**Hymnal #603 vv. 3–4**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Kit Tobin**

**\*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.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

*God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. Amen*

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

Joan	Linda	Edith	Chris	Jeff	Ruth
Charles	Jim	Kathryn	Carole	Mary Beth	Gwen
Wes	Gerald	Sarah	Sandy	Jack	
Virginia	Cece	Avery	Amelia	Julianne	
Shirley	Theodore	Nathan	Michael	Christina	
Richard	Lorraine	Jane	Susan	Chavon	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Petra Hain, Christopher Way

### 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

*Please remain in your pew. Wave!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

### Announcements & Welcome

### Offertory Sentence

**Anthem** Sing, Joyous Christians

Antonio Lotti (1667–1740)

Sing, joyous Christians!  
Sing forth your alleluias!  
Christ, our Redeemer, from death is risen,  
Alleluia!  
Death and hell are conquered, Alleluia!

Christ is ascended on high to heaven,  
Alleluia!  
Sitteth at the right hand of the Father,  
Alleluia!  
Christ, have mercy! Alleluia!

**\*Presentation Hymn** The head that once was crowned with thorns (*St. Magnus*) **Hymnal #483**

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

Expanded Language Prayer A

**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.

**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 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.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Fraction Anthem Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

**Hymnal #S-164**

**The Communion of the People**

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.*

*You may either intinct your wafer or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Communion Music** Go preach my gospel (Thomas Hastings)

**LEVAS 161**

## Post Communion Prayer

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Blessing

**\*Recessional** Alleluia, sing to Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

**Hymnal #460 vv 1–4**

## Dismissal

**Postlude** Pasticco

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

## Crucifer:

**Liturgical Ministers:** Jeff Bowen, Danielle Ripperton, Sara VanLooy

**Virtual Vergers** Matthew Sanaker, Amber Massa

*This morning we welcome The Rev. Kit Tobin as our celebrant and guest preacher.*

*We welcome Jerome Fung as our guest organist.*

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

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#### **Please Join Us:**

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

**Forward Day by Day** for **May, June, and July** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**Candles and Flowers:** If you wish to give Candles or Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion, please call the church office (607-273-6532).

**Parish Breakfast.** We will have a hot, full breakfast next Sunday, 19 May, between the services. Plan to join us for a meal and fellowship with the parishioners from the 8:00 am service.