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.* 

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

The Lord's Prayer [Music in the pews.]

**The Breaking of the Bread** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.* 

Fraction Anthem: "Christ our Passover" [Music in the pews.]

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn	"Come, risen Lord"	Hymnal 306

## The Postcommunion Prayer [Kneeling]

Celebrant: Let us pray. *Celebrant and People* 

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 Easter Blessing [Stand]

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

#### Hymn

"Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

Hymnal 460

Prayer Book 364

#### The Dismissal

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

**Concluding Voluntary** 

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 31, 4:00 p.m. & June 1, 2025, 10:30 a.m. Mass ~ Rite II

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

#### **Opening Voluntary**

Introit Consider O LORD, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia; un-to thee my heart hath said, Thy face, LORD, have I sought: Thy face, LORD, will I seek; O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia. The LORD is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear?

[standing]

The Processional Hymn"He is risen, he is risen!"Opening Salutation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. *People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.* 

#### **Collect for Purity**

Prayer Book 355

Hvmnal 180

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 [Music in the pews.]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: And also with you.* Celebrant: Let us pray.

### 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### [seated]

**The First Lesson** 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.* 

#### The Psalm 97



- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is King; ...let the [earth] rejoice; \* let the multitude of the [isles] be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness are [round] about him, \*
  righteousness and justice are the foundations [of] his throne.
- <sup>3</sup> A [fire goes] before him \* and burns up his enemies on [ev]-ery side.
- <sup>4</sup> His lightnings [light up] the world; \* the earth sees it and [is] afraid.
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax at the presence [of] the LORD, \* at the presence of the Lord of the [whole] earth.
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens de-[clare] his righteousness, \* and all the peoples [see] his glory.
- <sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and de-[light in] false gods! \* Bow down before him [all] you gods.
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad, ... and the cities of [Judah] rejoice, \* because of your [judgments] O LORD.

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.* 

#### *[kneeling]* Celebrant

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 he 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 and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Music in the pews.]

#### [Kneel as able, stand] The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

**Memorial Acclamation** Therefore we proclaim the mystery the faith: [Music in the pews.]

Celebrant and People

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

#### The Celebrant continues

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. ther, 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 [seated]	Fr. Ron Keel
The Nicene Creed [Stand as able.]	Prayer Book 358
The Prayers of the People (Form IV) [kneeling]	Prayer Book 388

Let us say together the Collect for Grace and Guidance for St. John's Rector Search.

Lord of abundant love, Creator of all that is good and provider of all our needs, who has always raised up prophets and priests to lead your people, foremost of all, Christ the Good Shepherd. You have enlivened and surprised your people by the Holy Spirit and know better than we do the needs of this parish.

Bless and guide the hearts and minds of the search committee, the vestry, and the parish, granting us the gifts of wisdom, discernment, listening, trust, and mutual regard that we might be led to a faithful priest who will care for your people and equip us for our collective journey, guiding us closer to you through liturgy and service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

## The Peace

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory		
Anthem:	"Be Thou My Vision"	Richard Shephard
Hymn:	"From all that dwell below the skies" vs. 3	Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: And also with you.* 

Prayer Book 361

- <sup>9</sup> For you are the LORD most high over [all] the earth; \* you are exalted far a-[bove] all gods.
- The LORD loves [those who] hate evil;\* he preserves the lives of his saints .... and delivers them from the [hand of] the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> Light has sprung [up for] the righteous, \* and joyful gladness for those who are [<u>true</u>]-hearted.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the [LORD] you righteous, \* and give thanks to his [ho]-ly Name.

**The Epistle** Revelation 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.* 

The Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 292



Alleluia Verse: God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. (choir)

### ★ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint 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, Fa-

"O Jesus, crowned with all renown"