

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 12, 2024

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 214

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*The following is said, all standing*

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.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*                    The Lord be with you.

*People*                        And also with you.

*Celebrant*                    Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The First Lesson

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

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

### **Psalm 1**

- 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**

**1 John 5:9-13**

*A Reading from the First Letter of John*

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.

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

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph; see the King in royal state,  
 riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heavenly palace gate!  
 Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful alleluias sing,  
 and the portals high are lifted to receive their heavenly King.

He who on the cross did suffer, he who from the grave arose,  
 he has vanquished sin and Satan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
 While he lifts his hands in blessing, he is parted from his friends;  
 while their eager eyes behold him, he upon the clouds ascends.

Thou has raised our human nature on the clouds to God's right hand;  
 there we sit in heavenly places, there with thee in glory stand.  
 Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne;  
 mighty Lord, in thine ascension we by faith behold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth  
 Music: *In Babilone*

## The Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus prayed for his disciples saying, "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.”

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Martin Gutwein

## **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

*All remain standing.*

Friends, happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked. Forgiven and sanctified, let us pray, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us your will."

Christ Jesus, your prayer for your Church is that we may be one as you and the Father are one; sanctify us in your Truth and send us into the world as witnesses to your resurrection.

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

*People: Show us your will.*

O Lord, you know the way of the righteous; rescue and correct all those who walk in the ways of the wicked. Delight the hearts of your children with your perfect law.

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

*People: Show us your will.*

Creator God, bless the fruit-bearing trees; bless the streams. Give us eyes to see clearly the wonders of your universe.

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

*People: Show us your will.*

Loving Jesus, you guard and protect your own; bless those who, following in your ways, protect and care for society's most vulnerable members, especially children.

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

*People: Show us your will.*

King of Glory, do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us; Comfort and heal all those in peril or need.

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

*People: Show us your will.*

O God, you have given us eternal life and this life is in your Son, Jesus; may we, with those who have died, enjoy our life with you now and forever.

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

*People: Show us your will.*

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## Confession of Sin

*All kneel.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People together say*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

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

*People*                         And also with you.

## Announcements

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.



Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The people kneel.*

*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 concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*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.

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.

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

## **Agnus Dei**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

## Communion Hymn

No. 307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first-begotten from the dead.  
Thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou art here, we ask not how. Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them. We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou was slain,  
in its fullness undiminished shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing us from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna, smitten Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, ascended, glorified! Risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: George Hugh Bourne  
Music: *Bryn Califai*, melody William Owen

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People together say*

Almighty and ever living 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.

## Festal Easter Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

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.

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix  
Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard

## The Dismissal

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

## Notes and Announcements

May 12, 2024

### PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Anglican Church of Burundi...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for Members and Ministry of the Clergy Sabbatical Fund Committee...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Organist and Choir Director...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenney, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Benadette, Joseph, Dot, Renee, Julia, Olivia, Bea, Lisa, Craig, David, Amanda, Rita, John, Lyn, Sue, Nicole, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, David, Sylvia, Joe, Gus, Briana, McKensie, Margie, David R, Bill, Virginia, Jan & Rob, Brigid, Sharon C, Kate, Louise, Dorothy, Karen, Janie, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy...

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein who is with us again this week.

**LOOKING TOWARD PENTECOST!** With balloons, bubbles, incense, and a Baptism, we will celebrate the great festival of Pentecost on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This great celebration includes:

- The renewal of baptismal promises
- Special flowers will decorate the church. **Please see additional information on the form included in this bulletin.**
- The Gospel will be read in several languages – please sign up at the back of the church if you are able to read a foreign language.
- Red is the color of the day, and everyone is encouraged to wear something red.



We're also hoping to have a bit of a special coffee hour. Speak with Theresa if you'd be willing to help or to bring something to share.

This is a joyous festival of the Holy Spirit of God who surrounds us like the very air we breathe. Plan to be with us to celebrate! (*If you'll be watching from home, plan to wear red and light a candle!*)

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Celebration at the 9:00 service!

Tuesday, May 21 – Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24 – Strawberry Chopping! 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 25 – Mayfair

### And a Bit Further Out

Saturday, June 15 – Collingswood House and Garden Tour

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to those who participated in the Townwide Yard Sale event.

Whether you donated items to sell, made soup, cooked hot dogs, volunteered during the day, or prayed for good weather, YOUR support helped make this day a success! Working together we raised over \$700.00 and soup sales exceeded \$100.00 for the weekend!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** will be taking a couple of weeks off due to lots of spring travel and activities for our families. We'll be back the first Sunday in June.



**MAYFAIR IS COMING ON SATURDAY, MAY 25TH**, from 10AM - 5PM. Help is needed. Please see sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. We will be selling fresh strawberries and ice cream and water and we're also planning on having another Yard Sale.

**2024 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** - is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign next to the desired date, if available or call the office at 856-858-0491. Flowers are \$45.00.

**ONLINE GIVING** - To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through **Vanco**. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church.

**UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM** - Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**May 19, 2024**



**Holy Trinity Episcopal  
Church**  
**Collingswood, New Jersey**

**Offering for Geraniums,  
Spring Flowers  
and Special Decorations**

In memory of (or thanksgiving for)

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