

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, *Priest-in-Charge*



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024
8 & 10 a.m

Prelude: Christ ist erstanden

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn: 494 Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity:

Celebrant: 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: S278 Gloria in Excelsis

William Mathias

Spoken at 8 a.m.; sung by all at 10 a.m.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

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.**

Please be seated. Children proceed to Sunday School.

The Proclamation of the Word of God

First Reading

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Gerre Hancock

Read responsively by whole verse at 8 a.m.; chanted by the choir at 10 a.m.

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

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

The Gospel

John 17:6-19

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

People: **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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Homily

Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed (*spoken in unison*)

Prayer Book, page 35

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 VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life, both seen and unseen.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who have commended themselves to our prayer, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Pete & Lisa, Eleanor, Len, Marilyn, Devon, Vivian, Barbara B., Fred, Bob, Ann-Mary, Sandy, Dawn Corrine, Stella, Brandon, Gloria & Hugo, Reid, Esther, Suzanne, Barbara, Debbie and Ed, Henry, Greg, Rosanne, Brian, Cora, Gloria, Michael, and John.

Hear us, God;

For your compassion is great.

We pray for all who have died, especially Graham & Alice Huntington, Elizabeth & Richard Huntington, Guy & Alice Bailey, Guy Bailey, Jr., Bunny Bailey, Robert Bailey, Patricia Bailey, Barbara Braun, Robert Braun; family of Shirley Huntington, in whose loving memory the flowers on our altar today are given, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant: 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

Offertory Anthem: Cantate Domino

Guiseppe Pitoni

Doxology: 380 (vs. 3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow

The Celebration of Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus is fully present in the Sacrament.
All are welcome at God's table.*

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

Prayer Book, page 367

Please stand as able.

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 God thanks and praise.**

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

Here the Celebrant says a Proper Preface.

Celebrant: 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 S128: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias

Spoken at 8 a.m., sung by the Choir at 10 a.m.

**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 stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things with Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 (*said together*)

Prayer Book, page 364

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: S161 Lamb of God

David Hurd

Sung from the balcony at 10 am

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*The Ushers will guide the people to the altar for Communion.
Please let the Ushers know if you prefer to receive at your seat.*

Communion Anthem: I Believe

Mark Miller

Post Communion Prayer (*spoken in unison*)

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.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought 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, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: Fugue in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Graham & Alice Huntington, Elizabeth & Richard Huntington, Guy & Alice
Bailey, Guy Bailey, Jr., Bunny Bailey, Robert Bailey, Patricia Bailey, Barbara
Braun, Robert Braun; family of Shirley Huntington.*



Thank you for joining us for our service today!

If this is your first time visiting St. Paul's, please fill out one of the cards in your pew and place it in the collection plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother's Day! All who give a mother's love to others are welcome to take a special flower from the vase in the lobby.



Pray, Then, in This Way 11:15 a.m. in the Library

When asked how to pray, Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer, and these words have been uttered for two thousand years across every culture. Here is an invitation to pause and consider why this is the path to prayer. Rev. Danny will lead the study.

North Porch Mother's Day Drive

Thank you for your donations! Please drop donations in the lobby.



World Language Readers Needed for Pentecost!

Pentecost Sunday is May 19th. We would like to represent as many languages as possible at the service this year for the reading of the Gospel. If you are willing and able to read in another language, please email office@stpaulschatham.org by Wednesday, May 15th.

Join us on May 19th when Family Promise's Motel Shelter Case Manager will speak about the program during coffee hour. As you remember, thanks to many parishioners, we were able to supply food and necessary groceries to a newly housed family with a baby in March . Thank you to all who donated and all who offered. If you weren't able to help this time, we will have additional opportunities in the future.

A poster for a 'Racial Justice & Equity Pilgrimage' event. The top half has a red background with the title 'RACIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY PILGRIMAGE' in white, and 'SAT, JUN 8' in red. Below this is a tan background with a black silhouette of the state of New Jersey. The text on the poster includes: 'Join Bishop Hughes for a day-long walking tour through the racial history of Madison, NJ.', 'Breakfast & lunch included.', 'Cost: \$20.', and 'Find out more and register online: dioceseofnewark.org/pilgrimage-2024'. At the bottom, it says 'Coordinated by the diocesan Racial Justice & Healing Commission, in conjunction with Drew University's Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict.' and features a blue and white cross logo.

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Rev. Ellen will be taking a sabbatical! Rev. Ellen's last Sunday with us will be June 9th and she will return September 10th.

