



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Sunday After Ascension Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 21, 2023, 10am

*We are glad that you are here to worship with us today.
Please take the time before the service for silent prayer and meditation.
Let us know more about you by signing the guest book near the front door.
We welcome you to be part of our programs & community life.*

*The service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*



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Our Ministers Today

Ushers: Roger Mederos, Dave Pagliaro

Lector: Matt Dalmedo

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Sister Monica Clare

Altar Guild: Suzanne Kosempel, Betty Mather, Lisa Webb

Refreshment Hour: John McGrath

Parish Calendar *Week of May 21*

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - Parish Office Open, 9:30am-5:30pm

Monday - Twelve Baskets Food Pantry Meeting, 7pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday - Bible Study, 10:15am on Zoom

Thursday - Office Angels, 2pm in Rath House

Fish & Chips, 5:30-7:15pm in the Parish House

Bell Choir, 6-7pm in Undercroft Large Classroom

All Saints' Choir, 7:30pm in Choir Room

Daily - Compline (Bedtime Prayers), 9:30pm on Facebook Live

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The office is open on Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday, 9:30am-5pm.

Clergy, Vestry and Staff

Rector: The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

Wardens: Wendy Clarkson & Janet Gibbs

Vestry: Stewart Cunningham, Matt Dalmedo, Steve

Kowalik, Melissa Pagliaro, Betsy Wallace, Waring Webb

Clerk: Janet Gibbs

Treasurer: Bob Jackson

Music Director: Alison Siener Brown

Administrator: Susie Harris

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Für Elise

Ludwig van Beethoven

Processional Hymn 199, *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

ST. KEVIN

The Easter Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

Gloria S-278

see Service Music pew card

William Matthias

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 47

read antiphonally by whole verse

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 **For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 **He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 **Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 **God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 **The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.**

Second Reading: A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Sequence Hymn 215, *See the Conqueror mounts in triumph*

IN BABILONE

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

LUKE 24:44-53

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Sermon

Sister Monica Clare, csjb

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People *The Leader and the People pray responsively*

LEM We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.
Lord, come to bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

Presider Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah
at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

***People hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.***

The Confession of Sin & Absolution, p. 360

The Peace

Welcome, Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

I will not leave you comfortless

Everett Titcomb

The Doxology, Hymn 380, vs. 3 *see Service Music pew card*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sursum Corda S-120 *see Service Music pew card*

Sanctus S-128 *see Service Music pew card*

Matthias

The Great Amen S-146 *see Service Music pew card*

Robinson

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion which will be offered as both bread and wine. If you receive only the bread or the wine, all the spiritual benefits of the Sacrament are fully conveyed.

If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest at the altar rail.

If you need to receive Communion in your pew, please let an usher know.

If you are not receiving today, please come forward for a blessing.

Healing Prayer is available at the Baptismal font today.

Communion Hymn 221, O Lord Most High, eternal King

GONFALON ROYAL

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Ascension Blessing

Closing Hymn 214, Hail the day that sees him rise

LLANFAIR

The Dismissal

*The response is **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

Postlude

Hail the day that sees him rise

arr. Victor C. Johnson

***Please join us for refreshments & conversation** in the Parish Hall following this service. It's one of the ways we get to know one another and build our community.*

All Saints' Announcements

Easter lasts fifty days, until Pentecost. Keep celebrating!

Fish & Chips Dinner by Argyles of Kearny - Thursday, May 25, 5:30-7:30pm.

Tickets are \$23 adults/\$12 kids - eat-in or take out. Buy your tickets today from John McGrath! **How can you help?** Baking/desserts, set-up/ take-down, serving, packing take-out orders, etc. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex. Then spread the word and invite your friends!

Next Sunday is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples; sometimes called the "birthday" of the Church. Please wear something red - symbolic of the fire of the Spirit!

Rummage Sale is coming on Sept. 30! The first day of rummage collection (aka the First Sunday of Rummage) is Aug. 6. Start setting aside your good, useful donations. And keep an eye out for more information soon.

Funeral for long-time All Saints' parishioner Geof Kimak is this Sunday, May 28, 1:30pm. Reception follows at the Long Hill Senior Center. The parish family is invited and welcome to attend, and to offer your prayer support to Jean and her daughters,

Twelve Baskets Food Pantry is open on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of every month, 10:00am-11:30am in the Parish House. **The next distribution day is Saturday, June 3.** In-kind contributions and monetary donations are always welcome. Check the Twelve Baskets Facebook page or the parish website for more information. Thanks for all your support for this shared outreach with First Presbyterian Church of Stirling, Meyersville Presbyterian Church, and Long Hill Township Community Resources/CERT.

Social Media Evangelism - Want to get the word out about All Saints' Church and our wonderful parish as we move forward in our mission: *"Building a joyful community of faith in Christ through worship, learning, praise & service"* and help us grow? Share posts of our Church social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube). Invite friends to join you for events and services. Check in and/or take photos and share them. Evangelism is everyone's job, and this is an easy way to do it.

*Thanks for coming today. Your presence here
made our worship of God fuller and more joyous.*

*You are invited to come again next week, or whenever you can.
You are always welcome here.*