

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

9:15 am



An Order for Holy Eucharist
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen...And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

~ Acts 1:24,26

Welcome! This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

Within the rubrics of "An Order for Eucharist" in our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the form for worship for this service has been adapted from the "Eucharist for Creation and Redemption," A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 467-473.

This service **is not** livestreamed or recorded.

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The People Gather

All standing, the presiding priest or minister says

Opening Acclamation

Presider Glory to you, O God,
People **who gives us the Way of life in Christ.**

Song of Praise "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing" *Hymnal 1982 #205 vv. 1,3,4*

1. **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
3. **Praise we in songs of victory,
That love, that life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
4. **Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord,
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Collect of the Day

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

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 congregation sits.

The Proclamation

From the Epistles

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Song "In Christ there is no East or West" LEVAS #62 vv. 1-3

1. **In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love,
Throughout the whole wide earth.**
2. **In Him shall true hearts everywhere,
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding human kind.**
3. **Join hands, disciples of the faith,
What e'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.**

Gospel Proclamation

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to John.

John 17:6-19

Glory to you, O 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, O Christ.

Homily

Children are invited forward for a children's message. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.

We Respond to the Good News

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:

Father, help us to know new life in the risen Christ.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.
Help us have your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.
Father, into your hands we commend them.
Comfort those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing in Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow.

The Ministry of the Lord's Table: Holy Communion

In this community, all are welcome at the Lord's table, the altar. All are invited to come forward during the Song of Offering, following the gifts as they are brought to the table to consecration.

All who are drawn to God in the way of Christ are welcome to receive the Host. Directions for receiving are found after the Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread.

Song of Offering

"Be thou my vision"

Hymnal 1982 #488

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**
All else be nought to me, Save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;**
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. **High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won,**
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(standing)*

This Great Thanksgiving is adapted for children this Easter season from various sources: "Thanksgiving of the People of God," ANZPB pp. 422-423; EOW, Prayer 1)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is our joy and salvation, holy, everliving God,
always and everywhere to give you thanks through
Jesus Christ.

For You are the source of life and goodness.
Through your eternal Word you have created all
things from the beginning and formed us in your
own image.

Now, in the power of endless life
Christ is risen from the grave.

His death has broken death
and opened for us the new and living way.

Christ is now our peace,
our freedom and our joy.

And so, we join with the angels and all the
company of heaven as we sing:

(Sung to "Land of Rest")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosannah in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living
God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at
table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks
to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and
said: Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the
new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for
all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me.

*On receiving Communion – To receive the receive the bread, which is considered full participation in the
sacrament of Holy Communion, please come to the rail and stand or kneel. Wine is available from the chalice
or in individual serving cups. If you would prefer a priestly blessing without receiving the bread, please place
your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request at the rail.*

And so we ask You, Holy One of blessing, be among
us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ was promised,
Christ is born,
Christ will be with us again.**

We celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving which we offer to you through
Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of
bread and wine, that they may be to us the body
and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the
Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the
service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in
earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs
of everlasting praise.

Blessed are You, now and forever. Amen.

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be
done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of
Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Song during Communion “For the bread which you have broken” *Hymnal 1982 #341 vv. 1-3*

1. For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,
By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav’n above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. As our blessed ones adore you,
Seated at our father’s board,
May the church still waiting for you,
Keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Creator of all, giver of life,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Born into the world, living among us,
dying and yet alive again,
he declared your love, gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

A blessing may be given.

Sending Hymn

“Higher Ground”

LEVAS #165 vv. 1,2,4

1. I’m pressing on the upward way,
New heights I’m gaining every day,
Still praying as I onward bound,
Lord plant my feet on higher ground.
2. My heart has no desire to stay,
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.
- Refrain*
- Refrain: Lord lift me up, and let me stand,
By faith on heaven’s table land;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord plant my feet on higher ground.*
4. I want to scale the utmost height,
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I’ll pray till heav’n I’ve found,
Lord, lead me on to higher ground.
- Refrain*

The congregation is sent out with these words

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All are invited...

to join the various programs and discussions as outlined in the announcements. Today, please join in the refreshments and activities for children and adults following this service.

Serving this morning:

Director of Music

Altar Guild

Family of the Week

Verger

Chalice bearers

A/V Ministry

Jared Agee

Rich Englebach, AnnMarie Stanton, Lance & Mary Donaldson-Evans

The Turbiville Family

Rich Englebach

Shirley Meehan, Kristin Cardi

Mason Hartley

Fr. Ted, preaching and presiding

Vestry Members and Officers

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