



# St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

May 28, 2017

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday After the Ascension)

PRELUDE                      Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor                      Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.*

OPENING HYMN              #214 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)                      *Llanfair*  
Hail the day that sees him rise

*The Holy Eucharist: Rite II begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book).*

## The Word of God

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

**Glory to God in the highest**                      *Gloria*                      Robert Powell  
The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 280.

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.

**THE 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 LESSONS**

*The people sit.*

### **Acts 1:6-14**

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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

*Exsurgat Deus*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

### **1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel.*

GRADUAL HYMN            #215 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
See the conqueror mounts in triumph

*In Babilone*

### **Gospel**

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

*People:* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

### **John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'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.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**, page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Prayers of the People**, the page number in *The Book of Common Prayer* will be announced

**Confession of Sin**, page 360 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

## The Peace

### Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #460 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne *Hyfrydol*

*Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.*

**Doxology** (sung) *Old 100th*  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer A**, page 361 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* *Robert Powell*  
The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 129.

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 service then continues on page 362 in The Book of Common Prayer*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's Table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Bread or Wine, you are welcome. Come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.*

**Post Communion Prayer**, page 365 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

CLOSING HYMN #608 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
Eternal Father, strong to save *Melita*

### The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Alleluia, alleluia. Bendigamos al Señor. (*Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.*)  
*People:* **Demos gracias a Dios. Alleluia, alleluia.** (*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*)

POSTLUDE Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (*Gaudeamus pariter*) *Wilbur Held*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's offers a work-day service of Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at 12:10.

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

**HUB (Helping Urban Bicyclists)** needs your financial support. Donation of bicycles, or parts, are also welcome. See Deacon Steve for additional information. Donations to the HUB can be made online using GoFundMe. There is a link from the HUB's Facebook page, or you can go directly to <https://www.gofundme.com/the-hub-helping-urban-bicyclists> If you use Facebook, consider sharing the GoFundMe link on your page. The HUB on Facebook is [www.facebook.com/STOCKTONHUB](http://www.facebook.com/STOCKTONHUB)

**What is The Ascension?**

Ascension Day is always the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It commemorates the day that Christ bodily ascended into heaven. We read of this in today's lesson from Acts.

Today is the Sunday *after* the Ascension, and the last Sunday of Easter. Next week we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

St. John's has a stained glass window depicting the Ascension of Christ. A photo of the window is used on the cover of this bulletin. Can you find it in the church? *HINT: Look for an image of Jesus where his feet do not touch the ground.*

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