

## **The Seventh Sunday of EASTER**

The Sunday after Ascension Day



*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.*

### **The Holy Eucharist**

Christ Church Episcopal

**May 16, 2021**

Service at **10:30 am** (with music) at Shillington Park  
Shillington, PA



Prelude: (A time for quiet reflection)

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Jesus Loves Me

arr. Fred Bock

Incorporating themes from *Clair de Lune*

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Opening Hymn 215

*In Babilone*

Ascension

215



1 See the Con-queror mounts in tri-umph; see the King in  
2 He who on the cross did suf-fer, he who from the  
3 Thou hast raised our hu-man na-ture on the clouds to



roy-al state, rid-ing on the clouds, his  
grave a-rose, he has van-quished sin and  
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven-ly



char-iot, to his heaven-ly pal-ace gate!  
Sa-tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
pla-ces, there with thee in glo-ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an-gel voic-es joy-ful  
While he lifts his hands in bless-ing, he is  
Je-sus reigns, a-dored by an-gels; Man with



al-le-lu-ias sing, and the por-tals  
part-ed from his friends; while their ea-ger  
God is on the throne; might-y Lord, in



high are lift-ed to re-ceive their heaven-ly King.  
eyes be-hold him, he up-on the clouds a-scends.  
thine as-cen-sion, we by faith be-hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradanses*, 1710

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*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

*The Celebrant then continues:*

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.**

## Song of Praise: WLP 880

*Christ Our Passover*

### Christ our Passover

880

#### *Pascha nostrum*

(metrical paraphrase)

*Descant*



3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -  
sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Celebrant*; The Lord be with you.

*People*: **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* : 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 First Lesson**

*(Please be seated):*

*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.

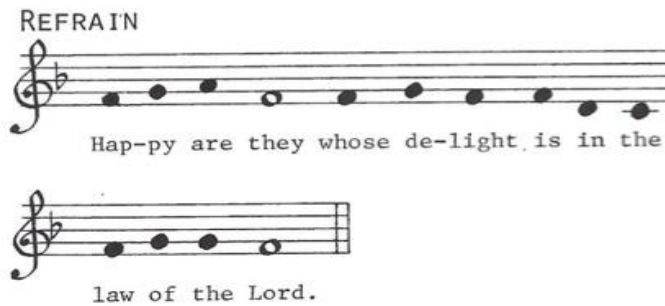
The Word of the Lord.

*People*:

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Response:**

*Psalm 1:*



**Psalm 1**

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 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.

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# The Epistle

(Please remain seated):

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People:

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Hymn: LEVAS 161 (vv. 1, 4 & 5)

Thomas Hastings

161

### Go Preach My Gospel

1. "Go \_\_\_ preach my gos - pel," saith the Lord, "Bid \_\_\_  
2. "I'll \_\_\_ make my great \_\_\_ com - mis - sion known, And \_\_\_  
3. "Go \_\_\_ heal the sick, \_\_\_ go raise the dead, Go \_\_\_  
4. "While \_\_\_ thus ye fol - low my com - mands, I'm \_\_\_  
5. He \_\_\_ spake and light \_\_\_ shone round His head, On \_\_\_

1. the whole earth \_\_\_ my grace re - ceive, Ex - plain to them my  
2. ye shall prove \_\_\_ my gos - pel true By all the works that  
3. cast out dev - ils in my name. Nor let my proph - ets  
4. with you till \_\_\_ the world shall end. All pow'r in trust - ed  
5. a bright cloud \_\_\_ to heav'n He rode. They to the far - thest

1. sa - cred word, Bid \_\_\_ them be - lieve, \_\_\_ o - bey, and live." \_\_\_  
2. I have done, And \_\_\_ all the won - ders ye shall do." \_\_\_  
3. be a - fraid, Though \_\_\_ man re - proach, \_\_\_ and will blas - pheme." \_\_\_  
4. in my hands; I \_\_\_ can de - stroy, \_\_\_ and can de - fend." \_\_\_  
5. na - tion spread The \_\_\_ grace of their \_\_\_ as - cend - ed God. \_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
Music: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

## The Gospel

All please **stand** as the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:

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

John 17:6-19

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.”*

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Canon John Francis

## The Nicene Creed

*(Said by all. Please stand as able.)*

**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

*(Please remain standing or kneel)*

*Deacon or Leader:* Gathered as believers in the Risen Christ, made one body in baptism, let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world, which has been redeemed through the perfect love of Christ Jesus.

*After this and every petition, the Leader says:*

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* For this parish family, that we will faithfully bear witness to the risen Christ in word and deed as we are illumined by the light of Christ, the love of God.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* For justice and peace in the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, Kevin our bishop, John our rector, Midge our deacon, Enrique our postulant and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, for Joe our President, our Congress, our Judiciary, and for all who hold positions of authority.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* For all those in need, the suffering, the persecuted and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, and the dying.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed, especially Almeta Feick, Frances Hartman, and Janet Moyer.

[Memorial from *David & Judy Feick*].

May each of your faithful servants be at peace in your heavenly kingdom and may comfort be granted to those left behind.

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially [*Prayer list here*].

Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially:

Demarco Lundy (5/16), Emiliana Lundy (5/16), Michele Uhrich (5/17),

Quinn Hatch (5/20), Robert Rozzi (5/21), and Dennis Roule (5/22).

May their hearts be filled with joy, gratefulness and thanksgiving for your gifts of unconditional love and the life given.

Lord, hear us,

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader:* Remembering our most glorious and blessed Mary, the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To you, O Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*

*And also with you.*

*Then the Celebrant, Ministers and People may acknowledge one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

**Offertory Hymn: 328** (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

*Song 46*

### Holy Eucharist

328

✓1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,  
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,  
✓3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
✓5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

✓1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
✓3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
✓5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer A (page 361 in the Book of Common Prayer)

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: **Hymn S 128**

*Sanctus*

### The Holy Eucharist II

S 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

*The people stand or kneel as able. Then 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.**

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.

*Celebrant and People:*

### The Holy Eucharist Amen

S 146



Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

### The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. (A period of silence may be kept.) Then may be sung or said:*

**Fraction Anthem: S 155**

*Please see next page*

*Christ Our Passover*

# S 155

# The Holy Eucharist

## Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (c. 1942)

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(You may request communion hosts and wine if you did not bring your own.)*

### Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

**Closing Hymn: 307 (vs. 1, 4 & 5)**

*Please see Insert*

*Bryn Calfaria*

### Blessing and Dismissal:

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!!

*Everyone* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!!**

**Postlude:**

Sonata No. 2

*Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach*

*Movement One- Allegro Moderato*



## Liturgical Ministers

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Canon John R. Francis    **Pianist:** Conrad Smith  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Dr. Midge Pendergast    **Cantors:** Milah Allison, Anita Powell  
**Lector:** Dale Goodyear    **Prayers of the People:** Cliff Buckwalter  
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**Rise and Shine for Young Families** @ 8:45 am on Sundays (Zoom)

**Zoom Centering Prayer** on **Tuesdays** at 9:00 am, **Thursdays** at 8:30 am;

**Zoom Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 8 am

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