



Suffolk, Virginia

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

May 15, 2022

The
Fifth
Sunday
of Easter

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30

An Organ Voluntary: *Alleluia No. 1* –Aaron David Miller

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Salutation for Easter: p. 355

A Hymn: *I come with joy to meet my Lord* #304

The Collect of the Day: p. 225

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The First Lesson: **Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Response: Psalm 148

The Choir sings the Refrain and the Congregation repeats it.



Sing to the Lord a new — song.

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Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

All sing the Refrain.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

All sing the Refrain.

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

All sing the Refrain.

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**

All sing the Refrain.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

All sing the Refrain.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Revelation 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Gospel: **John 13:31-35**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said,

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Sermon:

The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson

The Nicene Creed:

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The Offertory

The Anthem: *Let Us Pray for Peace*

-Thomas Keesecker

Let Us Pray for Peace

Nancy Kraft

Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation.
May God's truth and justice mend every breach;
May we learn to live as one.

Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy.
May compassion guide our way in the world;
May forgiveness heal division.
May forgiveness heal us all.

We pray for peace, we pray for understanding.
Pray that hatred cease, and God's reign is known on earth.

Hear our prayer for peace.
Hear our prayer for love.
Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray.

You know our hearts; you know our selfish struggles.
Take away our pride, and fill us all with you.

Fill us with your peace,
Fill us with your love,
Fill us all this day, O Lord, we pray.

May your will be done, here on earth as is in heaven.
May your reign of love be known in our lives,
May your will be done among us.
May we do your will,
Amen.

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The Communion of the People:

The Communion Hymn: ***Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*** #487

Heal me, hands of Jesus WLP #773

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion: p. 365

The Blessing:

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A Hymn: ***We know that Christ is raised...*** #296

The Dismissal:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

An Organ Voluntary: ***Lift High the Cross*** —**Donald Busarow**

In Our Prayers

Birthdays: John Dickens, Michelle Kinder and Sean Leonard.

Expectant Parents: David & Brooke Jackson.

Anniversaries: Richard Harrell & Nora Butler.

Parish Prayer List: Ronnie Aylward, Magdalene Barnes, Arthur Buchanan, Juel Carr, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Richard Harrell, Thomas Hilton, Patricia Hundley, Elizabeth Jenkins, Peggy Moore, Frances Pettit, Doreen Pickering, Sandi Rekkedal, Ron Robertson, and Jessie Trent.

The Departed: Frances & Miller Harrell, Dorothy & Alex Moore and Jarrett Moore (family of Jim & Jane Moore).

Announcements

Communion-to-Go Bags are still available if you are not able to attend next week's service and plan to watch on Facebook Live.

Ukraine Relief Fund: Today marks the end of our challenge drive to raise money for Ukrainian refugees. The Vestry launched this effort with the promise to match all donations up to \$2,500. We will announce the total we have raised at a special Coffee Hour after today's service. Please join us.

Bach's Lunch Concerts: Many of you have expressed your joy and interest in the final organ voluntaries played on Sunday mornings, so I will be offering an occasional midweek concert for those in the community who enjoy hearing the organ.

The first "Bach's (Box) Lunch" event will be Tuesday, June 7th, from 12:10 pm – 12:40 pm. These concerts should fit within your lunch schedule, and I'm encouraging those who can to bring a sack lunch to enjoy following the concert in the church's Parish Hall. Coffee and iced tea will be available.

Being a Bach's Lunch event, there will surely be some of Bach's music, but there will also be occasional pieces that you probably won't hear on a Sunday morning! The organ has many facets, and I will try to feature as many sounds as possible. Please invite all those who might enjoy such a midday event!

~ *Thom Robertson, Director of Music/Organist*

Assisting in Today's Service

| <u>Altar Guild</u> | <u>Reader</u> | <u>L.E.M.</u> | <u>Vestry Ushers</u> |
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The Treasurer: Beau Holland

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