



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The
Seventh
Sunday
of Easter

Suffolk, Virginia

May 21, 2023

A Service of Morning Prayer at 9:30

An Organ Voluntary:

Morning Prayer

A Hymn: ***All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*** (omit * stanzas) **#450**

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A Hymn: ***The Venite*** **S-35**

The Psalter: **Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

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

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The First Reading: **Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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.”

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.

A Canticle: *Christ our Passover* (stanza 1)

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The New Testament Lesson: **I 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 insofar 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 in all 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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel Lesson: **John 17:1-11**

Jesus 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.”

The Sermon:

Pastor David Richie

A Hymn: ***Hail thou once despised Jesus***

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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.**

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The Offertory

The Anthem: ***Tomorrow shall be my dancing day***

-arr. Richard Shephard

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance,
To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance.*

***Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.***

*For thirty pence, Judas me sold: his covetousness for to advance.
Mark whom I kiss, the same behold: the same is he shall lead the dance.*

Sing O my love...

*Before Pilate the Jews me brought, where Barrabus had deliverance,
They scourged me and set me at naught; judged me to die, to lead the dance.*

Sing O my love...

*Then on the cross hanged I was when a spear to my heart did glance;
There issued forth both water and blood, to call my true love to my dance.*

Sing O my love...

*Then up to heaven I did ascend, where now I dwell in sure substance
On the right hand of God, that man may come with me and join my dance.*

Sing O my love...

Concluding Prayers:

A Collect for the Church:

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Let us pray for the Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for those We Love:

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Let us pray for those who celebrate a birthday this week:

Sue Clark, Austin Darden, Connie Garris, Bob Klusman, Irma Mottley, Evan Robertson, and Kevin Rountree.

Let us pray for couples who celebrate an anniversary:

Eric & Mary Ellen Baur.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year of life or marriage. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen them to trust in your goodness all the day of their life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who are in trouble, need, sickness, or any other adversity:

We pray for members of our parish, especially Ronnie Aylward, Magdalene Barnes, Arthur Buchanan, Juel Carr, Dot Cross, Rainey Dail, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Richard Harrell, Patricia Hundley, Elizabeth Jenkins, Diane Liles, Peggy Moore, Sally Perry, Frances Pettit, Doreen Pickering, Sandi Rekkedal, and Lyn Snyder.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of

souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Departed:

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Let us pray for the departed:

We pray for Frances & Miller Harrell, Dorothy & Alex Moore, and Jarrett Moore in whose loving memories today's altar flowers have been given.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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A Hymn: **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!** (omit * stanzas)

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The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

An Organ Voluntary:

Calendar

Today **Morning Prayer** at 9:30

Make a Joyful Noise at 10:30 in the Parish Hall.

5/28 **Pentecost Sunday** (wear RED!)

6/4 **Community Youth Group** meeting at 5:30—location TBD.

6/11 **Acolyte Training** from 5:00-6:30 with pizza dinner!

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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