



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The
Seventh
Sunday
of Easter

Suffolk, Virginia

May 12, 2024

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30

Organ Voluntary: **Canon in D** - Johann Pachelbel

The Processional Hymn: **All hail the power...** (stz 1-3) **#450**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Salutation: p. 355

A Hymn of Praise: **Christ our Passover** (stz 1) **WLP #880**

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.**

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The First Lesson: **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.

Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 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!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

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.

It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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: **I John 5:9-13**

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.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn: **All praise to thee...** (stz 1&5)

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The Gospel Lesson: **John 17:6-19**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson

The Nicene Creed:

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The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Birthdays: John Dicken, Arynne Greene, Rogie Hofler, and Sean Leonard.

Anniversaries: John & Kate McAllister.

Parish Prayer List: Magdalena Barnes, Betsy Brothers, Arthur Buchanan, Norma Buchanan, Maya Cross, Rainey Dail, John Dickens, Hack Gallotta, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Patricia Hundley, Diane Liles, Beth Lipphardt, Peggy Moore, Irma Mottley, Fran Ossman, Sally Perry, Barbara Powell, Dawn Powell, Janice Richie, Amanda Rowe, Lyn Snyder, and Stephanie Tomasco.

Today's Altar Flowers: Given in memory of by Mary Hart & Austin Darden in memory of Frances Birdsong Darden, A. Taylor Darden, and Melissa Darden Odem.

The Narthex Flowers are given by Doug & Pixie Russell in memory of Nancy Freeman Russell.

The Confession & Absolution:

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The Peace:

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The Offertory

The Anthem: **Beautiful Savior**

– Robert Lee

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.

Presentation of Alms and Oblations

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;—
all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Words: William Walsham How, c. 1858

Music: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A:

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Sanctus for St. Paul's

Alan Reese

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav - en 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, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Lord's Prayer:

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The Fraction Anthem: *My flesh is food indeed*

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The Communion of the People:

Every person who has been baptized into the Christian faith and life in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. As per diocesan guidelines, communion wine is served from the common cup. If you opt for intinction, you may now do so on your own. The first Lay Eucharistic Minister will administer the common cup. The second will hold the cup for intinction. Please know receiving the Bread alone is considered to be 'full communion. If you are not able to negotiate the Chancel steps the priest will be happy to bring communion to you at your pew.

Most Sundays a member of the congregation will be available to pray with you privately after you receive communion. This person will be standing at the Prayer Desk next to the pulpit. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for healing and grace.

The Communion Hymn: *Humbly I adore thee*

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion:

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We praise you, O Lord, for this heavenly banquet that you have so freely given us. Thank you that we carry in our hearts the riches of this eternal goodness. May we pour it out wherever we go, lighting up the darkness with truth, speaking out hope where there is despair, and weaving your unconditional love into all we do. Send us now in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. May we live to be all that you have destined us to be. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Blessing:

May the strength of God sustain you;
may the power of God preserve you;
may the hands of God protect you;
may the way of God direct you;
may the love of God go with you;

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always.

A Hymn: **We are one in mission**

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The Dismissal:

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

An Organ Voluntary: **Fanfare in D**

– Jacques Lemmens

Announcements

The Women's Bible Study invites you to join them in collecting cleaning supplies, paper products, and toiletries for ForKids. Speak with Norma Spain if you have any questions.

Calendar

Today **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 followed by a **Mother's Day Brunch** in the Parish Hall.

Mon. **The Vestry** meets beginning with a meal at 6:30.

5/19 **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 followed by a **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall.

The Suffolk Community Youth Group meets at 5:00.
Hot Dogs and S'mores are on the dinner menu.

Assisting in Today's Service

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>L.E.M.s</u>	<u>Vestry Ushers</u>
Debbie Askew	Elizabeth Cross	Bill Peachy Lyn Snyder	Nina Matukewicz John Rector	Tillie Askew Kathryn Cross Lee Cross Susan Neri
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Dee Sage				
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The Treasurer: Gail Pruden

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