

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 a.m.

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“Christ is Risen!”

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN NORTH TEXAS

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Prelude

Processional Hymn #214

Hail the day that sees him rise

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity

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.**

Hymn of Praise

HYMN S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 Word of God

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 (*Prayed in unison*)

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.

The Second Lesson: 1 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

The Gospel Procession

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymn 603

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (17:6-19).
People **Glory to you, O 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The People are seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Kevin Johnson

The Nicene Creed

**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;
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who 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

Almighty God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Scott, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders;
That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; Greg, our Governor; and Betsy, our Mayor,
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; For those in command of the military and all who serve, and their families at home;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; we pray for those in need, especially those we now name _____. We pray to you, O Lord,
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest,
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Presider 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Let us pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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 Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in God's sight.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier,
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Easter Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Processional Hymn #495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,
thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic
Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our
we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

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Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENT

This is the last Sunday the diocese will be presenting its own online worship service. With our congregations returning to in-person worship, the diocese will begin to feature a different one of our congregation's live streamed worship services each week on the diocesan Facebook page. For now, these will include Trinity Fort Worth; All Saints Fort Worth; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Keller; St. Luke's Stephenville; Good Shepherd, Granbury; and St. Alban's Theatre Arlington.

On Pentecost, May 23, we will feature the 9:15 am service of Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth. You will find the link to the service at the diocesan Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalNTX>, the same place you have found the weekly diocesan service.

We are grateful to the wonderful clergy who have not only made this diocesan weekly offering possible, but who also made it beautiful and inspiring -- Karen Calafat of St. Luke's in the Meadow, Fort Worth; Allison Sandlin Liles of St. Stephen's, Hurst; Kevin Johnson of St. Alban's Theatre Arlington; Janet Waggoner, Canon to the Ordinary; Linda Taylor, retired canon; Jill Walters of All Saints Episcopal School, Fort Worth; and Robert Pace and Tracie Middleton of Trinity, Fort Worth.

We are grateful to our director of music for these services, Tony Kroll of St. Luke's. He selected music, played for many of the services and coordinated our volunteer musicians and singers. We greatly appreciate and thank musicians John Doshier of St. Alban's; David Lindsey of St. Christopher, musician and singer Stan Pascal of St. Stephen's; singers Linda Loggins of St. Christopher; Cheryl Smith and A. J. Moreno of St. Alban's; and Robin Glaze of St. Luke's, who recorded the hymns and service music that so enriches our liturgy.

We are grateful to our faithful readers: Eleanor Forfang Brockman, William Lancaster, Rochester Hunter, Sheila Camp, Barry Brannon, Patti Calahan, Daun Harner-Weeks, and Elizabeth Edwards, of St. Luke's; Diane Snow, Barb Cutter, Shannon Singer, Paillet Liles, Hill Liles, Mark Daly, Marilyn Jones, Dacoda Eubank, and Jane Jolley of St. Stephen's; and Dave Burrows, Katy Rudolphy, Priscilla Promise, Gloria Bender, Steven Baker, and Steve Dequeant of St. Alban's.

We are grateful for the use of St. Luke's building for more than a year, and to Trinity, Fort Worth, for offering St. Mary's Chapel for the recording of our diocesan worship these last few weeks. The altar guilds of St. Luke's and Trinity are much appreciated.

We are grateful for the skill and experience of our director, videographer and editor, Steve Grenzow, who made the video and audio magic happen each week.

And we are grateful to Bishop Scott Mayer, who not only supports this effort but who contributed to its richness on a regular basis.

-- Katie Sherrod, diocesan communication director