

Holy Eucharist II

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

MAY 12, 2024

10:30 AM RITE II SERVICE

Welcome to St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church where we celebrate the glory of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service, and fellowship. We believe God calls us to grow by expanding our spiritual life, focusing our outreach, and increasing our ministry to one another.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant The Rev. Michael Delk Deacon The Rev. Al Prichard

Acolytes John Beall, Shepard Tolka, Bob Ac-

ciavatti

Altar Guild Alice Meehan, Hap Rudolph, Mary

Lou Rudolph, Bernie Schultz, Cookie

Schultz

Coffee Hour TBD

Eucharistic M. Tara Steed
Intercessor Aurie Acciavatti
Music Dr. Bill Haller

ProducersJeff Fedan, Kathy FedanReadersDan Bryan, Dede Burnell

Ushers Angela Carver, Maddie Carver

Vestry Closer Beth Royall

Flowers on the altar are given by Bob & Aurie Acciavatti in memory of their mothers: Marion Murphy and Natalie Acciavatti

The Word of God

PRELUDE

C. PHILLIPS

PRAISE TO THE LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People may stand for praise.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#460

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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

#S 278

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

BCP 226

The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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 People may be seated for the readings.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (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 PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS 1



Sing the first |line to gether * and then go to the se-cond line.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of-the wicked, and lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat-in the seats-of the scornfull

Their delight is in the | law-of the | LORD, * and they meditate on his | läw | 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-a way.

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.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

#307

LORD, ENTHRONED IN HEAVENLY SPLENDOR

The People may stand when the Gospel is raised.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

THE REV. MICHAEL DELK

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

The People may stand for recitation of this historic Creed, continuing the journey in the tradition of our forebearers.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

The People may stand or kneel for the prayers.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, 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**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Matthew**, our Bishop; **Michael**, our Rector; **Al**, our Deacon; our companion diocese, Colombia; on the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **Ascension**, **Hinton** and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

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;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially **Suzy Thomas**, 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.

For Audrey; Linda Barnett; David Brookman; David Brown; Sharon Cook; Linde Crawford; John

Crichton; Jo Corey; Ginny Dansby; Rosa Davin; Angie Dishauzi; Irene Evans; Katie Finklea; Londia Goff; Mike Goff; David Hall; Nathan Harding; Jerrey Hoyt; Jazzlyn Hughes; Michael Hurst; Vicki Iber; Sheena Kennedy; Carolyn Kidd; Carol Klinke; Mauree Krofina; David Martinelli, Molly Martinelli, Paula Martinelli; Wes Nugent; Jeff O'Neil; Naomi Roberts; Mary Lou Rudolph; Earl Shafer; Jim Sharley; Spencer Stemple; Ruth Stockwell; Hayes Theiling Schreurs; Becky Thurston; Michael Williams; Mark Wolfe; Marty French; Alice Gordon; Mason Hardin; Michael J. Hoyt, Sr.

Additional prayers may be offered at this time, either silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The People may stand. The Celebrant says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

The Minister(s) and People exchange the Peace. Then the People may be seated while the table is prepared.

RECOGNITION OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday Prayer: Gracious God, as we rejoice in the birthday of *[this your child | these your children]*, we pray that the year ahead will be one of blessing and peace, and that the year will bring continual joy in the knowledge of your steadfast grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays: *May 12:* Somadina Mbadiwe; *May 13:* Berny Schreurs; *May 15:* Matt Heiskell; *May 17:* James Robbins

Anniversary Prayer: Loving God, you have blessed [this couple | these couples] with the gift of marriage: we pray that they may continue to love, honor, and cherish each other, and that they will find in each other the reflection of your abiding and sustaining grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries: *May 18*: Jeffrey & Angela Carver



The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

WLP 796

Together

Together in your name we gather
Then we'll have in this world peace and love around us.
Together we're united; we hold hands as we struggle;
We walk into the world singing God's song of love.
The glory of Jesus will ever shine in splendor.
The whole world will be joyful with love and peace.

DOXOLOGY

***380 VERSE 3**

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The People are invited to "Thanksgiving" (Eucharist)



Celebrant

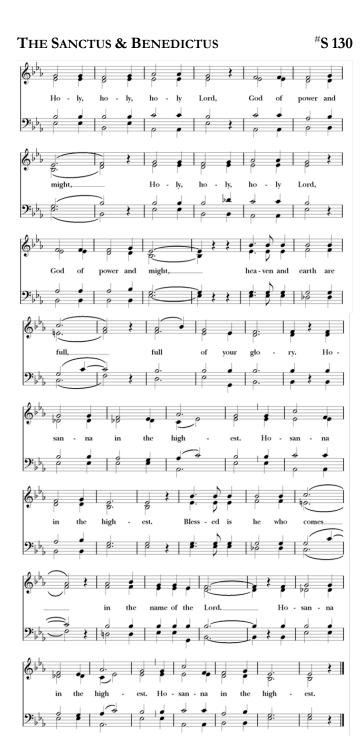
It is right, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Celebrant

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:

All join in singing



The People may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Thomas à Becket and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

#S 118



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All say the Prayer together.

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 FRACTION

#S 151



THE INVITATION

BCP 364

The People may be seated.

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

BCP 457

Everyone is invited forward to the altar rail. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not taking Holy Communion are invited to come up for a blessing; cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available. The wine is offered in two ways, a chalice for drinking and a smaller cup for intinction. If you abstain from wine for spiritual or health reasons, the fullness of Communion is offered in the bread alone.

Once served, you may return to your seat.

After all have been served, and the Table cleared,
you will be invited to pray together.

COMMUNION HYMN

[#]328

DRAW NIGH AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

The People may stand or kneel. All pray together:

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

#494

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DISMISSAL

Deacon: [Gives the dismissal.]

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE LANI SMITH

TOCCATA

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: Mother's Day

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I9:00 am Formation Class on Mark10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (also

on YouTube)
Coffee Hour

May 16: 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting on Thursday

May 19: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Formation Class on Mark 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (also

on YouTube)

Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour 4:00 pm Organ Recital by Bill Haller

May 20: 7:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting on

Monday via Zoom

May 22: 7:00 pm Marywood Singers Concert on

Wednesday

May 25: 2:00 pm Ordination of Scott Williams

on Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ministry Fair: on Pentecost Sunday (May 19) after church there will be a ministry fair where representatives from ministries and committees will have information about ways to get involved at St. Thomas.
- Organ Recital: Dr. Bill Haller will give an organ recital at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 19, featuring music by Clerambault, Widor, and Sowerby.
- Marywood University Chamber Singers: We will host the Marywood University Chamber Singers on Wednesday, May 22 for a 7:00 pm free concert. The Marywood University Chamber Singers, led by Dr. Rick Hoffenberg, have been touring annually since 2009, and were featured at the 2021 and 2022 National Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and were one of six choirs given awards in the 2022 American Prize in Choral Music. The current tour program is a capella.
- Ordination Service: Scott Williams will be ordained here at St. Thomas on Saturday, May 25 at 2:00 pm.

OUR PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Michael Delk, Rector The Rev. Al Prichard, Deacon

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